THE WEATHER

Cloudy and warmer Saturday, Sunday probably rain.

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MYSTERY SURROUNDS BATTLE CELEBRATED AT BERLIN AS A DECISIVE GERMAN VICTORY

Little Doubt as to Retreat of the Russian Armies But Confirmation of Great German Victory is Lacking from All Sources—Report from Petrograd Eagerly Awaited by the Allied Nations.

GERMAN PAPERS REPORTED AS COMPLAINING BECAUSE NAMES AND NUMBERS ARE OMITTED

Amsterdam Dispatches Quote Berlin Papers as Disappointed That Name of Battle and Other Details Not Given by German Official Statement—Allies' Offensive in West Progresses Slowly.

London, Dec. 18.—Although there seems no doubt the Russians are retreating, and that for the present any expectations the Allies may have held of an early invasion of Germany must be dismissed, considerable mystery surrounds the reported decisive German victory which Berlin celebrated last night.

Vienna gives a few details of fighting in the East. The claim is made that the Russians have been driven from their positions north of the Carpathian mountains from Krosno to Zaklicsyn, which would indicate that part of the southern line of railway in Galicia again is in the hands of the Austrians and that Piotrkow and another central Poland town have been stormed, but silence is maintained as to North Poland, where the German victory is said to have been achieved.

The German official report dismisses this battle with the statement that "in Poland we are still pursuing the enemy, who continues to give way."

Amsterdam dispatches serve to heighten the confusion by quoting Berlin papers received there today as expressing disappointment at the fact that no names of battlefields are mentioned, that no tangible results of the fighting are disclosed and that no lists are given of the number of captured guns and prisoners.

Some disappointment is expressed at the silence of the Russians and advices from Petrograd are awaited eagerly.

The Allies' offensive in the West continues to progress slowly, according to the Paris communication, although the aggregate gains claimed during the week indicate a considerable advance in Flanders and in the vicinity of Arras, where the Allies seemingly are making their greatest efforts in the belief that penetration of the German lines would compel a general German retirement. It is still, however, a matter of siege warfare in Belgium and France. Berlin says many attaeks of the Allies are being repulsed with heavy casualties which are increased when the German mine trenches which the Allies are compelled to evacuate.

The admiralty denies the German report that German ships which raided the east coast of England Wednesday sank two British destroyers, saying no British ships were lost.

In reply to a request from the corporations of Hartlepool and West Hartlepool to investigate the raid, the admiralty has replied that this will not be necessary as the government is in possession of all the facts.

The coroners of the three bombarded towns still are holding inquests over the bodies of victims, the numbers of whom continue to grow as injured persons succumb to their wounds.

As a result of the bombardment the kingdom has been flooded with posters reading: "Avenge Scarborough! Up and at 'em now."

NEW SULTAN NAMED.

In Taking Egypt Under Her Wing England Makes Certain Promises

London Dec. 18—A British protectorate over Egypt was proclaimed today. Prince Hussein Kemal has been appointed Sultan and has accepted. He is an uncle of Abbas Hilmi, until now Khedive.

The French government has recognized the British protectorate over Egypt, in which France formerly had such important interests and in return Great Britain has given notice that it adheres to the France-Moorish treaty of 1912, which gave France a protectorate over Morocco.

Inviting Prince Hussein to accept the office as "the Princeofthe family of Mehemet Ali, most worthy to occupy the Khedival position with the title and style of Sultan of Egypt," Mr. Cheetham announces that 'Great Britain accepts all responsibilities for defense of the territories under the new sultan, that all Egyptian subjects will be entitledto protection by Great Britain, that with the disappearance of Ottoman suzerenity the restrictions placed by Turkey upon the numbers and organization of the army will disappear, that the relations with foreign powers will be conducted by a British representative in Cairo, and that the religious convictions of the Egyptian subjects will be respected scrupulously.

In connecting with his letter the commissioner in a statement tonight says that in declaring Egypt free from obedience to Constantinople, Great Britain has been animated by no hostility toward the Caliate and that in any movement to strengthen and improve the Mahomedan institution, the new Sultan will have the government's support. The promise is made that after the war treaties will be revised and that "in such measure as the degree of enlightenment of public opinion may permit". The governed will be associated with the task of government.

Many here express the opinion that a clearer definition of Great Britain's position in Egypt will accelerate progress toward self government in that country.

"Abbas Hilmi arrived in Vienna today, according to advices received in London.

BERLIN STILL REJOICING

Coincidence of Naval and Military Accomplishments Are Lauded.

Berlin, Dec. 18 (by Wireless).—The official press bureau today gave out the following items:

The coincidence of the expedition to the English coast and the victory in the East continues to cause general rejoicing. Although the headquarters report lacks details there is general expectation that the Russian defeat will prove to hafe been complete. From details already available it seems safe to say that the victory has freed Germany for a long period from possible menace of invasion from the East. The Austrians appear to have done their work quite as thoroughly. The political effect of the victory is likely to be advantageous.

"Vienna's report indicates that the Russians still are maintaining the aggressive in the Carpathians but declares that they are retreating elsewhere.

"A dispatch from Geneva reports that representatives of different groups of the Egyptian national party have pointed out to representatives of the Italian government that the Egyptians would be loyal to Italian Tripolitania and would be better neighbors for Italy and the British.

"In the German raid on the England East coast two British destroyers were destroyed and one was damaged.

"General Wellitchko, the Russian of-

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FRENCH TREASURY IS IN GOOD SH...

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Financial Situation in France is of the Best

IS OFFICIAL REPORT

Minister of Finance Makes Detailed Report to Chamber of Deputies —Can Continue War for Long Time if Necessary.

Paris, Dec. 18.—An optimistic report of the condition of the treasury and of the general financial situation in France was made to the appropriations committee of the chamber of deputies today by M. Ribot, minister of finance. The minister declared the nation's financial reserves were such that "we can regard without anxiety the prospect of prolongation of hostilities."

M. Ribot appeared to explain the 1915 budget. He told the committee that the government had advanced to other countries these sums: To Belgium 250,000,000 francs ($50,000,000); Servia 90,000,000 francs; Greece 20,-100,000 francs; the Bank of Montenegro 500,000 francs.

The treasury on September 1, had in circulation 427,000,000 francs of treasury bonds. This was increased before the end of November to 940,000,-000 francs, the total authorized under the government's decree of October 1. However, the government on December 2 authorized an increase to a total of 1,400,000,000 francs. The total of national defense 5s subscribed for now exceeds 1,000,000,000 francs.

Money Borrowed.

The finance minister explained that the Bank of France advanced to the government for mobilization expenses 2,900,000,000 francs. The Bank of Algeria advanced 100,000,000 francs. This proved insufficient and in September the government called upon the Bank of France to increase its advances to an ultimate total of 6,000,000,000 francs.

M. Ribot pointed out that the gold holdings of the bank on December 10 were slightly in excess of the amount held just before the beginning of the war, which was 4,111,341,662 francs. Efforts are being made to increase this stock.

M. Ribot also called attention to the comparatively small increase in note circulation, which in the last two months and a half had expanded only 687,000,000 francs.

UNITED STATES KEEPS SKIRTS CLEAR OF WAR

Ignores Suggestions of British Press as to Violations.

British Papers Make Broad Hint That Uncle Sam Should Protest to Germany Against Bombardment of Undefended Towns

Washington, Dec. 18.—Determined that the United States shall continue uninvolved in controversies that have arisen between European belligerents over alleged violations of The Hague conventions, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan will make no representation to Germany concerning the German naval raid on the English coast.

Suggestions from the British press that the United States should protest to Germany against the alleged infraction of an article of The Hague conventions which prohibits "naval bombardment of undefended towns" has met with no response from Washington. No formal communication has come from Great Britain but suggestions in the press developed an informal discussion among high officials here for the American government after which the President and Secretary Bryan renewed their determination not to interfere.

The fact that German officials have already taken issue with the British contention that the English coast towns bombarded were undefended has emphasized to officials here the controversial nature of the case.

While the attitude of the Washington government is chiefly due to a desire to keep from entanglement in the war's controversies, its course also has been influenced largely by the feeling that during the conflict protests from even neutral powers are of little avail, though they will be taken into full account when a final reckoning is made at the conference of powers to discuss peace terms.

CREW OF FOUNDERED STEAMER IS RESCUED

British Trader Reports Having Rescued Crew Landed in Bahamas.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 18.—Rescue of the crew of the British steamship Rivulet, which foundered at sea, was reported at Sand Key, Fla., late last night by the British steamer Alton, Captain Harrison. Captain Harrison said that the crew of the Rivulet is now at Abacco lighthouse, Bahamas. He added that no lives were lost when the Rivulet foundered. The Rivulet was enroute from Naples to Gulfport and left the Italian Port about November 15. No further details are konwn here.

LEAD STILL DROPS ON AMERICAN SIDE

Five Bullets Fall Near Shelter Built for Soldiers

CAROTHERS ON SCENE

State Department Representative With General Villa Arrives at Camp of Besiegers and Goes Into Conference.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 18.—Five bullets from the Mexican fihting around Naco, Sonora, struck today near shelters built by United States troops on the border. Many other shots fell on United States territory.

Flank camps east and west of Naco, Ariz., were established today by the American troops. The sixth brigade of infantry and three batteries of artillery en route are expected here tomorrow. Ammunition arrived today.

Intermittent firing on the Mexican side continued all day. Hill's Carranza troops, defending Naco, seemed to be doing most of the shooting. George K. Carothers, special agent of the American State Department, arrived today at the camp of the besiegers. He went into conference with Governor Maytorena.

Carothers broached the subject of the coming visit of Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott. It is understood Maytorena favored meeting General Scott at the international boundary.

After returning to the American side Carothers talked with Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss and then left for El Paso, Texas. He probably will rejoin general Villa.

AMERICANS AND NATIONALS OPEN SCHEDULE MEETING

French Lick Springs the Scene of Gathering—Sale of New York Team.

French Lick, Ind., Dec. 18.—The 1915 schedule meeting of the American and National leagues opened here today.

Ban Johnson, Barney Dreyfus, and John Heydler spent most of the day considering the schedules, but tonight refused to discuss the meeting. Johnson, however, volunteered the information that negotiations for the sale of the New York Americans would be resumed tomorrow.

Col. Jacob Ruppert, who with T. L. Huston is negotiating the purchase of the New Yorks said tonight:

"I shall not start with a tail end team and try to make a pennant winner out of it. I have made up my mind what to do if it is agreed to give me new players and a manager. As to the Federal League proposition, I am not considering it at all. If I go into baseball, it will be with the Yankees."

Colonel Ruppert said negotiations for the sale of the club might not be concluded until December 23.

War News at a Glance

A cloud of uncertainty still hanks over operations of the belligerent armies in Poland.

No official German report has been issued to stamp as accurate unofficial claims to a German victory over the Russians which Thursday aroused enthusiasm to a high pitch throughout the German Empire.

The latest German statement on the situation is laconic.

In Poland, it says, "we continue to pursue the retreating enemy."

Austria is more communicative than Berlin, for Vienna declares the Russian main forces are being pursued on the entire battle front of some 250 miles from Galicia to that point in Poland northeast of Lowicz, where the Bzuria river empties into the Vistula.

As regards part, at least, of this statement Petrograd takes issue with Vienna, asserting that on the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete lull in the fighting prevails, but that all the attacks made against the Russians have been repulsed. It is added, however, that in connection with the advance of part of the Russian troops toward the Bzuria and because the Austrians are reinforcing in the Carpathians, "we have thought fit to rearrange the positions of some of our army.

"The Allies, according to Paris, continue to gain ground in Belgium and France. Berlin, however, asserts that the German operations have resulted in repulses to the Allies at various places in some instances with heavy casualties. Paris says the French artillery has destroyed two heavy batteries in the region of Verdun.

The British protectorate over Egypt has been declared in all the garrison towns by the firing of a salute of 101 guns and the raising of the British flag. Prince Hussein Kemal has been appointed Sultan of Egypt.

M. Ribot, the French minister of finance, has informed the appropriations committee of the chamber of deputies that France will not lack resources to continue the war to a finish without faltering.

A news agency dispatch says Turkey has yielded to the representations of the United States, Italy and Greece and will permit the departure from Syria of consular representatives of neutral countries.

The British fleet in the Pacific has been reinforced by the arrival at Callao of the Australian battle cruiser Australia.

The British admiralty denies that any British warships were sunk during the German raid on the east coast of England. It says however, that two men were killed and 15 wounded aboard the destroyer Hardy.

HOUSE GOES INTO HIGH GEAR ON BILL

Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation.

PASSED IN THREE DAYS

With Its Machinery at High Speed, Lower House of Congress Adopts Measure and Turns Attention to Postoffice Bill.

Washington, Dec. 18.—With its machinery at high speed the House today turned out the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and began consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill.

The legislative, executive and judicial bill, carrying $36,000,000, was passed after less than three days actual consideration. Provisions for an agricultural census to cost $2,286,000 and a proposal to reduce members' mileage from 20 to 5 cents a mile was stricken out.

Postmaster General Burleson's plans for departmental changes were blocked when the House voted down a special rule to make in order new legislation reducing the pay of postmasters, revising the railway pay system, authorizing experimental substitution of contracts for the salaries of rural carrier system in one county of each state and providing for organization changes. The rule was defeated 148 to 131, many Democrats opposing it.

Chairman Moon, of the postoffice committee, criticised Democrats who voted against the rule, asserting that "railway influence has been hard at work to defeat provisions of this bill revising the railway pay system." He declared the defeat of the rule was a "betrayal of Democratic principles and a betrayal of the Democratic administration by the majority on the floor."

Representative Henry interrupted to assert that the only opposition to the rule in the rules committee was exerted by "railroad interests."

"Name them," shouted Republican Leader Mann.

The House was in turmoil for a few moments and when the tumult subsided Henry shouted:

"I can name them. I say here and now that the railroad interests tried to defeat this bill in the rules committee."

HOOVER MAKES REPLY TO CRITICS OF RELIEF

Starving in Belgium Get Aid from America Regardless.

Death Would Have Resulted in Thousands of Cases Had Commission Waited for Moral Responsibility to Be Placed.

London, Dec. 18.—Critics of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium, who have asserted that an attitude of impartiality would have left the burden of caring for the starving Belgians to the belligerent power responsible for their condition, were answered today by Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the ocmmission, in an address here. He declared that before the question of moral responsibility was settled starvation and violence would have finished war's work of desolation in the ill-starred little country.

"It is enough for America that seven millions of humanity are in the hoppers, passing between two gigantic millstones," said the speaker.

Mr. Hoover spoke at a luncheon given members of the commission, by American business men. Introducing him, Ambassador Page gave high praise to the work of the commission. He said it was the only link between the great belligerent nations and the farmer of the Mississippi Valley.

Mr. Hoover said close harmony existed between the commission and the national committee in Belgium.

PRIVATE BOARD PROBES INTO COAST DEFENSES

And Will Make Suggestions to Congress as to Appropriations

Washington, Dec. 18—Headed by Assistant Secretary Breckinridge, a special board of army officers has been in session at the War Department for several days considering the state of coast defenses of the country and particularly the military situation in the canal zone.

Proceedings of the board are secret but the fact that it was sitting became known tonight. It is expected that it will recommend to Congress that funds be provided to develop plans for the improvement of coast defenses probably based on some measure of developments of the siege operations of the European war.

Major General William W. Wotherspoon, recently retired as chief of staff was present at today's meeting.

New York, Dec. 18.—Lee Magee, former St. Louis National League has signed a contract, to manage the Brooklyn Federals next year, it was announced tonight by George S. Ward, vice president of the Brooklyn club.

CARRIERS WIN PARTIAL VICTORY IN RATE CASE

Decision Handed Down by Interstate Commerce Commission in Petition for Five Per Cent Increase in Freight Rates by Eastern Railroads Grants Request With Limitations—Certain Heavy Commodities Are Left Out of Advance—Two Dissent.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Further increase in freight rates were granted to the Eastern railroads today by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a decision from which Chairman Harlan and Commissioner Clements dissented vigorously.

Except on lake and rail traffic, coal, coke, iron ore and certain other traffic upon which the commission heretofore has fixed rates adjusticated "reasonable" all railroads operating in the territory between the Atlantic seaboard and the Mississippi north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers were allowed the flat five per cent. increase for which they have been asking for four years.

The railroads hoped to get ingreases which would add to the annual revenues some $50,000,000. The commission's decision is expected to give them additional revenue aproximating $30,-000,000.

The roads east of the North and South line drawn through Buffalo, Pittsburg and Charleston, W. Va., won by today's decision the increases other than upon the traffic excepted, which were denied them in the commission's decision last August. The roads west of this line, which got partial advances in the August decision, received further advances; so that now all the roads in what is described as official classification territory will enjoy uniform advances in both class and commodity rates.

The majority of the commission held that the roads had established in the latest hearings a greater need of additional net income than ever before. This was due the decision held to emergencies arising out of the war and to an already existing necessity for additional revenues to maintain railroad properties.

Harlan Dissents

Chairman Harlan, in his dissenting opinion, held that sufficient aid had been given the roads by the August decision and that the findings of the majority were "morally wrong."

Commissioner Clements based his dissent upon what he regarded as the inability, in law of the commission to take cognisance of anything in the making of sales other than their justice and reasonableness.

In administration circles the outcome of the case was welcomed as of vast importance. President Wilson issued no formal statement but the White House officials said he was greatly pleased over the decision and expected it to have an immediate effect upon the country's economic situation. The President had made no secret of his belief that improvement of conditions generally was dependent, to an extent, at least, upon additional revenue being provided in some way for the railroads.

Traffic on which no increase was allowed represents about 55 per cent. of the entire volume of freight handled by the roads. Coal, coke and iron ore, however, are bulky commodities, taking lower rates, consequently the revenue derived from them is relatively small.

In the Eastern district 10 per cent. of the entire volume of freight is anthracite, 31 per cent. bitumenous coal, 5 per cent. coke 5 per cent. ores. The coal roads in the opinion of the commission already are profitable.

Other Advances Allowed

After further consideration the commission permits advances to be made on cement, starch, brick, tile, clay and plaster. On these commodities no advances were permitted by the decision of August 1st.

Joint rates between official classification territory and territory south of the Potomac and Ohio and east of the Mississippi may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent.

Interstate rates to and from New England also may be increased not to exceed five per cent.

While present existing differentials among various Atlantic ports are preserved the rates between any two of them also may be increased 5 per cent. The decision says:

"While we differ as to the reative importance to be attached to the various considerations presented, we agree in the conclusion that it is necessary that the carriers revenues be supplemented by increases throughout official classification territory. Whatever the consequences of the war may prove to be, we must recognize the fact that it exists, the fact that it is a calamity without precedent, and the fact that by it the commerce of the world has been disarranged and thrown into confusion. The means of transportation are fundamental and indispensable agencies in our industrial life and for the commonwealth should be kept abreast of public requirements.

"Carriers will be required to keep an account of the additions to their revenues from increases in rates subsequent to July 29, 1914, and from new charges, and to report separately thereon to the commission at the end of 12 and 24 months, respectively".

After stating the exceptions the decision proceeds:

"In our original report we declined to allow increased rates in Central Freight Association territory on cement, starch, brick, tile, clay and plaster. On further consideration in the light of existing situation these rates may be increased throughout official classification territory under the limitations herein set forth.

Joint Rates Affected

"Joint rates between official classification territory on the one hand, and Southeastern territory, the Southwest and points on or east of the Missouri river on the other may be increased not to exceed 5 per cent. of the division of the rate accuring to the carriers in official classification territory; if these increases involve a change in the relationship under the long and short haul rule between intermediate points and more distant points, outside of official classification territory relief from the fourth section of the act must first be secured on regular application.

"Interstate rates to and from New England from and to points in trunk line or Central Freight Association territory, where necessary to preserve

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UPROAR ENDS HEARINGS AS TO NAVAL AFFAIRS

Anger Caused by Demands of Representative Gardner Upon Members of House Naval Affairs Committee Brings Session to an Abrupt Close—Witherspoon of Mississippi Leaves Committee Room in a Passion—Gardner Soon Gets Angry.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Public hearings before the House naval committee ended today in an uproar when Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, a witness, demanded that committee members say whether they questioned data he had submitted to prove the nation's military unpreparedness.

Mr. Gardner's insistence so angered Representative Witherspoon, of Mississippi, that he quit the committee room. A series of questions put immediately afterwards by Representative Gray, of Indiana, aroused Mr. Gardner's resentment and the meeting broke up abruptly.

Representative Gardner vigorously resented what he said was an imputation that his campaign for investigation of the military situation was in the interest of manufacturers of war materials. He called upon Mr. Gray, who was questioning him, to "get up and prove his facts" but the latter had nothing further to say, and the chairman declared the hearing ended.

The committee will meet Monday to complete the naval appropriation bill, the plan being to report it, if possible, before the holidays.

Mr. Gardner's statements today were based largely on the testimony of the admirals and others before the committee, and reports of the navy general board. The war of words came after the witness had finished the statement and submitted to a long cross examination. Mr. Gardner said he did not want his statements challenged later in Congress and sought an immediate expression from the committee members.

Request "Outrageous."

Representative Witherspoon declared sharply that the request was "outrageous."

"I move that the hearings be closed," said the Mississippi representative. "I am tired of this outrage."

Chairman Padgett asked him to withdraw the motion, but he persisted, and Mr. Gardner renewed his request for an expression of opinion, left the room.

"Did you write any letter to any mercantile organizations over the country?" asked Mr. Gray when quiet had been restored.

"I hired a man to send out a printed letter to every chamber of commerce in the land, telling them to bring it before the meeting, and enclosing a copy of my speech. In the South, particularly North Carolina, several of them did not approve of it.

"How many of these letters did you write?"

"I do not know. I gave it to one of these publicity fellows".

"What organizations did you employ for that purpose?" persisted Mr. Gray.

"Do you mean to say 'Am I in alliance with the manufacturers of material?' I am paying every cent myself."

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DRAMATIC SCENE AT MURDER TRAIL

William V. Cleary Charged With Killing Son-in-Law.

WIDOW IS A WITNESS

Young Woman Whose Husband Was Killed by Her Father, a Witness in His Behalf Shrank from His Touch in Court Room

New City, N. Y., Dec. 18—The jury in the trial of William V. Cleary for the murder of his son-in-law, Eurgene M. Newman, witnessed a dramatic scene late today when the young widow, Anna Cleary Newman, was brought into the court room to testify for her father, former town clerk of Havarstraw and prominent in politics. The girl of 20 was assisted toward the witness chair by her uncle and she clung to her relative as though dreading the ordeal.

Her father had not seen her since July 22nd, the day before Newman was shot as he was waiting to tell Cleary that he and Anna were married. As his daughter neared him Cleary gave evidence of deep emotion.

As the girl reached his side he jumped to his feet and reached out to take her in his arms.

The girl shrank back, but her father would not be denied. He seized her in a firm embrace, and kissed her repeatedly. When the girl was led trembling to the stand Cleary collapsed. He recovered quickly however.

History of Case

Few questions were asked the young widow. The defense, whose witness she was, contented itself with geting her to say that Newman was the father of her child and she had not told her father or her mother of her marriage. It had been testified previously that Cleary had learned on July 22nd that Anna was to become a mother and that on July 22nd and 23rd he had drunk to excess and acted irrationaly. Through his wife it was brought out that up to the time he shot Newman he did not know the boy was his son-in-law.

Cross examination of the young woman was brief. She said she and Newman had been sweethearts from childhood, that they saw each other frequently despite the fact that her parents had forbidden them to meet and that they had exchanged many letters. They were married on the night of July 18th, she testified.

Mrs. Cleary testified that her husband had moved his family from Haverstraw to New York in 1911 to escape Newman's attentions to their daughter, but they had kept up a clandestine courtship. Mrs. Cleary said she had been told of the marriage by a physician who had attended her daughter a few days previous to the shooting.

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ficer of Port Arthur fame, has been killed near Lodz.

"Naples reports that Turkish troops are 15 miles from the Suez canal.

"A special committee of the Roumanian conservative party has approved the continuation of neutrality."

COUNTER ATTACKS FAIL

French Declare That Germans Are Repulsed With Heavy Loss.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The French war office this afternoon have given out an official communication as follows:

"The day of December 17 was marked, as we said yesterday, by an advance on our part in Belgium, where every counter attack undertaken by the enemy failed.

"In the region of Arras a vigorous offensive made us masters of several trenches. These are located at Auchy, La Bassee, St. Laurent and Blangy. At this last mentioned place we occupied a front more than one kilometer long almost all the first line trenches of the enemy.

"In the region of Tracy Le Val, on the Aisne, and in Champagne, our heavy artillery won distinct advantages.

"In the Argonne the Germans blew up one of our trenches to the north of Four de Paris, and endeavored to move out from their position with three battalions of troops. This infantry attack, as well as the one they undertook at St. Hubert, was repulsed.

"To the East of the Meuse and in the Vosges there is nothing to report."

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT

Declares That Advance is Continued and Russians Retreating.

Vienna, (via London), Dec. 18.—The following Austrian official statement was made public today:

"The beaten Russian main forces are being pursued on the entire battle front 400 kilometers wide (about 250 miles from Krosno (Galicia) to the mouth of the Bzura river (in Poland) where it empties into the Vistula.

The enemy yesterday was driven from his positions north of the Carpathians between Krosno and Zahliczyh. On the lower Donajec river we and our allies are doing battle with the enemy's rear guard.

"In South Poland, our advance so far has been made without important fighting. Piotrkow day before yesterday and Przedborz yesterday were stormed.

"The rbic garrison at Przemysl has continued further fighting in front of the fortress with success.

"The situation in the Carpathians has not yet substantially changed."

RUSSIA IS QUIET.

As to Battle Being Celebrated in Berlin—Report Says Advancing.

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian army tonight says:

"On the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete lull on nearly all of the front has replaced the attacks made by the enemy in the course of the past few days. All of these attacks were repulsed.

"In connection with the advance of part of our troops toward the Bzuria river (Russian Poland) and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually receiving reinforcements in the Carpathians, we have thought fit to rearrange the positions of some of our armies.

"We checked the offensive of the enemy yesterday in Western Galicia. On the front between Sanck and Lisko we have succeeded in our offensive and have captured 3,000 prisoners, several guns and mitrailleuses."

FIGHTING IS FAVORABLE

Germans Claim That Conditions Favor Their Arms in Nieuport

Berlin, Dec. 18.—via London—The German war office this afternoon gave out an official communication as follows:

"The fighting in Nieuport continues favorable but no decision yet has been reached.

"The French attacks between La-Basse and Arras and on both sides of the river some has resulted in failure with severe losses to the enemy. On the Somme the French lost 1,200 in prisoners and at least 1800 in dead. Our own losses were under 200.

"In the Argonne forest our successful attack resulted in the capture of some 7500 prisoners in addition to war material. There have been no important developments elsewhere on the Western front.

"On the frontiers of East and West Prussia the situation is unchanged.

"In Poland we continue to persue the retreating enemy."

GERMANS ARE CAPTURED.

Who Escaped from German Cruiser Dresden When Driven Ashore.

Tokio, Dec. 17. (Delayed in Transmission)—Certain British warships have captured those members of the crew of the German cruiser Emden which escaped at Cocos Island when the cruiser was destroyed November 10th by the Australian cruiser Sydney. The German sailors went to sea in a Cocos Island schooner named Aysha.

Captured by British.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The ministry of the marine announced today that the British auxiliary cruiser Empress of Japan had captured the collier Elford, having on board three officers and 40 men from the German cruiser Emden sunk November 10th, by the Australian cruiser Sydney. These are the 40 men who escaped to Cocos Island and subsequently sailed away in a commandeered schooner.

FRENCH GAIN GROUND.

Official Report Declares Desperate Fighting in North France.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"We have gained some ground along the downs at the northeast of Nieuport. We have repulsed two strong counter-attacks by the enemy at the north of the road between Ypres and Menin.

"The British troops have advanced slightly in the region of Armentieres.

"Our artillery has destroyed two heavy batteries in the region of Verdun.

"There is nothing of importance to report from the other parts of the front."

DETAILS OF ADVANCE

Additional Figures and Statement Given Out by French.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Additional details of the French advance in Flanders and Northern France, announced today by the Paris war office, were given in official dispatches to the embassy here. The massage said:

"We have the road from Tombaertzy les Bains to the east of Streenstraate. We have captured the enemy's trenches, gained 350 yards, made 100 prisoners and taken three mitrailleuses. In the region of Bixschoot we have gained 500 yards, made 80 prisoners and taken three mitrailleuses.

ENGLAND DENIES REPORT

Declares That No Destroyers Were Sunk by Germans Off Coast.

London, Dec. 19.—The admiralty has issued a statement denying that any British warships were lost during a recent raid by a German squadron on the east coast of England. The statement adds that German assertions to the contrary are untrue.

A BRITISH PROTECTORATE.

Official Announcement Published Broadcast in Egypt is Report.

Cairo, Egypt, via London, Dec. 18.—A British protectorate was formally proclaimed throughout Egypt today. In all garrisoned towns a salute of 101 guns was fired and the Union Jack was hoisted.

STRUCK BY FREIGHT TRAIN

Ernest Brown, of Whiteville, in Precarious Condition as Result of Accident at Cerro Gordo.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 18.—Ernest M. Brown, a real estate broker and owner of a moving picture show here, is at the point of death as a result of having been hit by a freight train at Cerro Gordo, about 15 miles from here, this afternoon. Brown at the time the engine struck him was attempting to cross the railroad at the Cerro Gordo depot, but fearing that he would smash into a wagon on the opposite side of the track tried to throw his machine in reverse and back off the track so as to avoid the fastly approaching train.

The engine in his car failed to work right and the machine refused to move despite his efforts to back off, and engine 335 on local train 324 hit the car, completely demolishing it and throwing Brown in the air with the result that his skull is fractured and internal injuries, the seriousness of which have not yet been fully determined, were sustained.

Dr. Floyd Johnston stated late tonight that it had not been decided whether to take Mr. Brown to the hospital for treatment or not, but that his condition was as favorable as could be hoped for and a slight chance of recovery.

Mr. Brown has made his home in Whiteville for the past two years and has numbers of friends here. He has been influential in municipal improvements since coming here and very active in all progressive movements.

McCARTHY TO SCOUT FOR BOSTON ARMERICANS

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—Tom McCarthy, of this city, will act as a scout for the Boston Americans next season, it was announced today. McCarthy was released by the local National League club for which he performed similar duty last season.

GARRETT WITHDRAWS IN FAVOR OF MR. KITCHIN

Will Support Latter for Leadership of the House.

Sends Letter to The North Carolinian —Wilmington People in Washington—Tar Heel News Notes.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, withdrew today in what was known at all times to be a losing fight upon Representative Claude Kitchin for the majority leadership of the House of Representatives. He said in a telegram to his colleagues in the Tennessee delegation that he did not realize when he went into the race how far Mr. Kitchin's candidacy had gone.

Mr. Garrett conveyed to Mr. Kitchin assurances of his support and congratulated him upon having such a large following in the House.

The President nominated the following North Carolina postmasters today: John H. Wilson, Sylvia; Mary H. Osborn, Oxford; Robert V. Brawley, Statesville, and David T. Clark, Weldon. Three or four letters protesting against the appointment of Wilson at Sylvia have been received by the Senate committee on postoffices and post roads.

Dr. Francis P. Venable, of the University faculty, and Hugh McRae and two daughters, of Wilmington, are here. P. R. A.

UPROAR CONCLUDES NAVAL HEARINGS

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"Didn't you write letters to those organizations asking them to write to their senators and congressmen?"

"Do you assert that I did?" shouted Mr. Gardner.

"I don't assert anything," replied Mr. Gray.

Mr. Gardner read a newspaper article which said it was intimated at the White House that the movement came from people allied with producers of war materials.

"Now," he said, "I am tired of this kind of talk. If any admiral or general tells the country what you need and ought to get, you say 'you d—— rascal, you are trying to raise your standing by advocating this thing.' Then if any private citizen gets up they say 'you are bought by the man who has material for sale'. If any congressman gets up you say, 'That is politics,' I'm tired of it. Get up, Mr. Gray and prove your facts."

"I have nothing further to say," replied Mr. Gray.

"Then," said Mr. Gardner, "I am through, unless there is somebody who has something to say."

Gardner Read Statement

Representative Gardner, read a long statement in support of his proposal for investigation of the national defenses by a special commission, earlier in the session.

"I am here to ask you to appropriate for the full number of new ships recommended by the general naval board for this year's construction" he said.

"I am sorry to say," continued Mr. Gardner," that Secretary Daniels in his recommendations to Congress had cut the naval board's building programme for this year almost exactly in two.

"If you gentlemen had permitted me to present as witnesses a few recently retired officers in a single day the country would have learned of our demented policy of building warships for coldstorage. Out of 30 completed battleships, do you know that twelve of them are unavailable without a long delay on account of our approval to pay the bills for manning them.

"If we had gone to war with the rest of the first class powers early in August do you realize that no less than nine of our battleships would not have been ready to fight. We have 15 cruisers, 22 destroyers, 18 torpedo boats, five submarines and perhaps a dozen miscellaneous fighting ships "kept in cold storage" with the battleships. Eighty fighting vessels of our modest navy are not available for battle in an emergency.

Navy Short of Men

"I charge that our navy is 18,000 men short and a further shortage of 40,000 men is in sight. The general board which has actually made our war plans estimates the enlisted force of the navy as between 30,000 and 50,000 men short for war. If any attention had been paid to the general board's emphatic appeals for our national safety, instead of only 27 battleships built, building and authorized we should now have 47 battleships built, building and authorized; instead of 68 destroyers, we shouuld now have 187 destroyers. If we heeded the advice of the general board we should have a fleet of fast scouts today. How many do you think we actually have got? Just three and those were authorized over ten years ago.

"You know that we have 56 submarines in all, built and building, good bad and indifferent. Now comes Secretary Daniels and in a few soothing words recommends submarines to the paltry number of eight or so.

"We have just a dozen aeroplanes in the navy. The general naval board in its current report says that we must spend $5,000,000 on air craft. Secretary Daniels recommends no regular specific appropriation at all, but he tells us about a volunteer air craft force. Captain Bristol says that that volunteer force doesn't amount to Hannah Cook.

"Some persons have quoted Rear Admiral Fletcher as saying the American navy ranks ahead of that of Germany. I have searched the admiral's evidence and find that he said nothing of the sort.

I don't believe that any well informed man believes our fleet to be superior to that of Germany. A year ago Rear Admiral C. E. Vreeland testified that we are third in the race, and moreover, that we are a pretty bad third, for he said that we should still be third in 1920, even if we adopted the building programme of the general board.

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EDDIE COLLINS, GREATEST SECOND BASEMAN, SOLD TO CHICAGO

Eddie Collins, the greatest second baseman of modern times, has been sold by Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics to the White Sox of Chicago. He will appear there in the uniform of Charles A. Comiskey's men next spring. Why Connie Mack has consented to thus break up his $100,000 infield is not well understood He said some time ago, or at least he was quoted as saying, that the Philadelphians were tired of his regular players and wanted to see new faces. The club did not make a great deal of money in the 1914 season, despite the fact that it was the champion of two deagues. Then followed the disastrous series with the Boston Braves for the world's championship. Collins failed to shine as he had done in the past. No one, however, believed that this was proof that he was done as a great player. The price to be received by Mack is not known. But it was believed a couple of years ago that Collins would have been snapped up at $25,000.

CARRIERS WIN PARTIAL VICTORY

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established relationships between points or ports in New England and points or ports in trunk line territory, may be increased not to exceed five per cent.

"Subject to the maintenance of the established Atlantic port differentials, rates to and from New York may be increased not to exceed five per cent., and rates to and from Portland, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore may be increased to the extent necessary to maintain said differentials.

"Except as otherwise above specified rates in official classification territory may be increased by not more than 5 per cent., but rates increased since July 29th, 1914, may not now be again increased so as to exceed those thn in effect by an aggregate of more than five per cent. of the intra-territorial rate, or of the portion or division of the inter-territorial rate accruing to the road or roads in official classification territory, as the case may be.

Many Cancel Tariffs

"In some instances, and in part because of the pendency of this proceeding, we have recently suspended proposed increased rates in this territory. Carriers may, if they so elect, now cancel such tariffs so suspended and file in lieu thereof tariffs which conform to the limitations above specified. If that is done such suspension will be vacated.

"To the extent above indicated we now modify our previous finding, and carriers affected may file, effective on not less than ten days notice, such tariffs as do not offend against the restrictions above stated".

The exceptions from the proposed increased of rates are stated in the decision as follows:

1.—Rail-Lake and Rail, Lake and rail, and rail and lake rates.

2.—Rates on bituminous coal and coke.

3.—Rates on anthracite coal and iron ore.

4.—Rates held by unexpired orders of the commission.

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CHILD FATALLY BURNED.

Budget of Interesting News Notes from Wilson County.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 18.—Charged with stealing six pecks of peas, John Newton is in jail awaiting trial. Newton acknowledges the theft and sold the peas at Black Creek. The money received for the six pecks was found on Newton when arrested.

The small child of J. Abeyounis, severely burned Wednesday, died Thursday. The child was playing close to the stove and its clothing took fire and when the screams attracted the attention of the mother the child was covered with flame.

Perry Barnes, living four miles from town, died Thursday morning following an attack of pneumonia. The funeral service was conducted Friday morning at the family burial ground.

A. N. Carroll, treasurer of the Baptist church, sent $20 to the Belgian Relief Fund treasurer Friday, the contribution from the church.

The music class of the Lucama High School will give a recital Friday night. The programme was arranged by Miss Marie Melford, of Oxford, the teacher of music at the Lucama school this year.

MRS. AGNES POLLOCK DEAD.

Wife of Dr. John A. Pollock, of Kinston, Passes Away.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 18.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Agnes Pollock, wife of Dr. Jno. A. Pollock, and one of Kinston's best known older citizens, was conducted in Maplewood cemetery today by Rev. C. W. Blanchard, of the First Baptist church. Mrs. Pollock, who was 72 years of age, was the victim of a complication of diseases which had kept her bed-ridden for more than a year. She was connected with many of the leading families of this section. Besides the husband, two daughters, Mrs. B. W. Spilman and Mrs. J. H. Canady, of Kinston, and one son, Dr. Raymond Pollock, of Newbern, survive. The funeral, held at 11 o'clock, was very largely attended.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Postmaster General Burleson in a statement tonight promised "successful dispatch and delivery" of Christmas parcels and letters. The vast bulk of mails, he said, has already begun to move and was being handled promptly.

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Some Good Gift Suggestions

Are given below. Look through the list carefully. All useful things that men like. Check off the items you desire. Clip the list and bring it in. It's the most convenient way to do your Christmas Shopping. Choice is best now. Make your selections early. We'll hold them for you.

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CAP, Cloth or Fur	SCARF
COLLARS	SHIRT
COLLAR BAG	SUIT CASE
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MORE EQUIPMENT FOR N. C. NATIONAL GUARD

Each Company Gets Enough For Sixty-Five Men

Association to Meet in Goldsboro January 12-13—Supreme Court Winding Up Its Work for Fall Term—News Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—Adjutant General Young, of the North Carolina National Guard, has issued orders for equipment headquarters here to ship not later than January 1 to every company of the Guard in the State sufficient equipment for 65 men, the new minimum department enlistment fixed by order o the United States War Department. This applies to the infantry, coast artillery and cavalry.

General Young will also issue within the next few days a special letter to the companies of the Guard urging that there be at least one representative of each company to attend the annual meeting of the National Guard Association to be in session in Goldsboro January 12 and 13, when many matters of greatest moment for the welfare of the guard and its individual units will be considered. Capt. F. L. Black, of Charlotte, is president, and Major Mark Coleman, of Rutherfordton, and Adjutant General Young vice presidents, and Capt. R. R. Morrison, of Mooresville, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee consists of General Young, Major Coleman, Captain Morrison, Captain Reynolds, Asheville; Capt. W. R. Cox, Charlotte; Capt. W. A. Fair, Lincolnton; Commander C. L. Morrison, Washington; Capt. A. L. Bulwinkle, Gastonia.

Work of Supreme Court.

The Supreme court having completed the hearing of all arguments on appeals for the term, the justices are now devoting their time to the preparation of the opinions in those cases still pending and opinions in these will be delivered from time to time until all are disposed of, this being expected to be accomplished within the coming week. In fact there is a tentative agreement among the members of the court that the work for the term shall be completed and all opinions delivered ready for final adjournment on the day before Christmas.

The United States Life and Resident Insurance Company, of Concord, N. J., has filed with the State Department of Insurance its papers in preparation for doing business in this State.

Governor Craig honored a requisition today from the governor of Ohio for Harry Carmichael alias Harry James, who is under arrest in this State and is wanted in Montgomery county, Ohio, on the charge of burglary and larceny in connection with breaking into a railroad depot.

The Gardner-Hill Mining Company, Greensboro, is chartered with $100,000 capital authorized and $6,000 subscribed by J. H. Milliken, S. K. Silver and others for general mining business.

State Orphanage Convention.

Grand Chaplain Z. Paris, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, announces that a State-wide Orphanage Convention will be held in Raleigh on December 29th. The meeting will convene in the Hall of Representatives at 10 A. M. and Dr. Paris will preside. All "friends of the orphan" are urged to be present and take a part. The programme follows:

Prayer—By Rev. J. N. Cole.

Address of Welcome—by Governor Craig.

11 A. M.—Address on the "Neglected Orphan"—Bishop J. C. Kilgo.

2 P. M.—"Duty of the Church to the Orphan"—Archibald Johnson.

2:30 P. M.—"Duty of the State to the Urphan"—Charles H. Ireland.

3 P. M.—"Relation of Society to the Orphan"—Mrs. Al. Fairbrother.

3:30 P. M.—"Duty of the Philanthropist to the Orphan"—W. H. Swift.

4 P. M.—"State Orphanage Association of North Carolina"—Walter Thompson.

CONFER ON COMMODITY RATES.

Railroads and Corporation Commission Continue Conference at Raleigh.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—The Corporation Commission and representatives of the railroad companies are still conferring at intervals regarding the commodity rates that were discontinued by the companies and then ordered to be reinstated by the Corporation Commission some weeks ago, the purpose of the conferences being to thoroughly overhaul these rates and bring them up to date through the elimination of many that have for some time been obsolete and inoperative. General Counsel W. C. Rodman and Assistant Traffic Manager J. F. Dalton, of the Norfolk Southern, were in conference today regarding the commodity rates over the Norfolk Southern lines. The rates operative on the Southern have have already been adjusted and those on the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line have about all been passed upon ready for revised tariffs of these rates to be put into the hands of the agents of the companies and the shippers. Good progress is being made in the adjustment of the Norfolk Southern commodity rates.

No State-Wide Primary Probable.

Senator-elect C. O. McMichael, of Rockingham county, was here today urging upon Governor Craig that he grant a pardon for Caesar Wood, a Rockingham negro who has served five years of a ten years' sentence for second degree murder in the killing of another negro. He declared that he would not risk any sort of a forecast of the probable trend of legislation at the approaching session of the Legislature in the light of the attitude of the voters in the November elections in voting down the constitutional amendments, most esepcially. He said he even begins to have his doubts about the passage of anything like a really effective State-wide primary for all officers. The matters of taxation and State finances he expects to be the most absorbing feature of legislation as some sort of readjustment of the taxing system to meet the conditions seems necessary, with great interest attaching, of course, to the expected

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JUD CLARK TO SPEAK AT SUFFRAGE MEETING

Chief Justice to be Heard in Goldsboro December 29

Mrs. Parker Admits Shooting Her Father, Bud Miller, But Claims Self Defense—He Still Lives Physicians Surprised.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 18—Hon. Walter Clark, chief justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, will address the citizens of Goldsboro in the court house on Tuesday, December 29th, under the auspices of the Goldsboro Equal Suffrage League.

Through the efforts of Congressman-elect George E. Hood, of this city, Dr. J. I. Weeks, a veterinary surgeon located here, has secured a position with the Department of Agriculture at Washington as inspector in connection with the eradication of the foot and mouth disease of stock. Dr. Weeks left for Washington today and will be sent west from there. Mr. Hood has appointed Mr. W. H. Webb, of Morehead City, as his secretary.

Miller Still Living

The condition of Mr. Budd Miller, who was so desperately shot by his daughter, Mrs. Parker, Tuesday of this week, and is a patient in the Goldsboro hospital, where he was operated upon after the shooting, is now hopeful. Though at first physicians gave out the statement that his case was hopeless, the wounded man is making a surprising fight for life.

His injuries were of such serious nature that attending physicians thought he would die in a few hours. Bud Miller is a man of strong constitution.

Claims Self Defense

Mrs. Parker was taken into custody, but told a different story altogether at a hearing Tuesday night before Justice J. W. Thompson. She admitted she did the shooting, but claimed self defense, and as no one appeared to deny her statement, she was released under a $100.00 bond.

For several years Mr. Miller was a member of the city police force, and he was a faithful and fearless officer. He is about 63 years of age. The daughter who shot him is about 30 years of age.

LIGHTING PLANT FROM MAXTON TO BE BROUGHT TO WHITEVILLE

Council Decides to Give Mr. McNair Franchise for Lights.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, Dec. 18.—At a joint meeting of the city council and interested business men held in Mayor Tucker's office yesterday afternoon, council informally decided to grant to Mr. H. D. MacNair, of Maxton, a franchise for the establishment of an electric plant here and to give him a contract for the town lights at $1.50 per month for 80-watt lamps, the contract to extend for ten years.

Mr. MacNair, who has been operating a similar plant at Maxton, came over and made three propositions to the council; the first, that he would sell the plant outright; the second, that he would sell 50 per cent. of the stock in the new company; or third, that he would bring the plant from Maxton and put it into operation as soon as the removal could be practically made, provided the business interests of the town would furnish a satisfactory site for the plant. This matter being referred to Mr. F. L. Ford, of the Whiteville Insurance and Realty Company, who offered a lot opposite the plant of the Whiteville Lumber Company on Railroad avenue for $600, and a private subscription list has been prepared and with less than half of the citizens approached the list is now slightly over half the amount necessary with every assurance that the remainder will be guaranteed before tomorrow, which assurance when it becomes effective will bring the new plant to Whiteville and the streets, particularly Madison avenue leading from the court house to the depot, will be attractively illuminated and the business places and residences will be given an opportunity to have the latest and most economical light that the General Electric Company has yet made.

The plant that will be brought to Whiteville is entirely new and would have been installed at Maxton but for the fact that that city is now using the hydroelectric power supplied by the Southern Power Company.

JUDGE ROUNTREE IN DURHAM.

Made a Record for Road Sentences in Four Days' Term.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 18.—The criminal docket of the Superior Court having been cleared in four days, yesterday afternoon Judge Rountree dismissed the jury and left for his home on the evening train. The judge has made a record for road sentences since he came to Durham. In all something like 30 years of service on the roads has been provided for. The longest term was for 10 years and the shortest three months.

recommendations of the Corporation Commission as State Tax Commission on this subject, following the strenuous and effective opposition of Chairman Travis to the taxation amendment to the constitution.

On the Defensive This Time.

Chairman D. K. Wright, of the legislative committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and other labor organizations, who is always especially active during legislative sessions here for and against measures as they affect the labor interests, said today that for once there will be most probably not a single bit of legislation of any sort asked for at this session by the interests he represents, but that they are getting ready to make the strongest fight they can against a number of measures that are expected to come from other sources and that would be detrimental to the interests he represents. He mentioned especially any sort of a "workman's compensation" bill that may be offered. He says the brotherhoods he represents will be solely on the defensive this time and that they will fight to be left alone with the State laws that they now have affecting their interests as to labor and other matters between employers and employed. "We have no campaign to wage this time," he said, "but we are entrenching ourselves as hard and fast as ever we can to resist all efforts at changing the laws as they now are in this State affecting our interests."

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RECORD OF DEVELOPMENT

Industrial and Other Enterprises Mentioned in Current Issue of Manufacturers' Record.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 17.—Among the many Southern industrial and other developmental enterprises reported in this week's issue of the Manufacturers Record are the following:

Chattanooga Enameling and Stamping Company, Chattanoga, Tenn., will incorporate with capital stock of $200,000 and build $150,000 plant to manufacture enameled sheet steel and iron products, including gas stoves, railroad semaphores, enameled ware for domestic use, etc.; Tennessee Power Company will supply electricity for power and will construct transmission line to plant; will secure fuel gas from established plant or build producer furnace to manufacture fuel gas.

Texas Gas Company, Waco, Texas, was incorporated with $250,000 capital stock; plans to construct gas pipe line from Mexia gas fields at Waco, through Limestone Falls, Navarro and Bell counties, about 40 miles.

M. S. Sherman and E. J. Corley, Oklahoma City, contemplates organizing company with $100,000 capital stock to build plant at Miami, Fla., with daily capacity of about 44,000 sand-lime bricks; will utilize local white sand and limestone rock deposits.

Macon County Brick Company, Oglethorpe, Ga., was incorporated with $100,000 capital stock to manufacture bricks.

Birmingham Ice Factory Company, Birmingham, will build 60-ton ice plant at Boyles, Ala.; will erect structure 110 by 122 feet; brick, steel and concrete; concrete floors; ice rooms lined on six sides with four inches of compressed cork; capacity for two icemaking units of 60 tons capacity; install only one at present; plans to erect ice storage house with capacity of 3,000 tons as soon as conditions warrant.

Vaccaro Brothers & Co., New Orleans, La., will build cold-storage plant for cooling of cars for transportation of fruit, etc.; reported estimated cost $100,000.

Rutherford & Co., Hamburg, S. C., was incorporated with $60,000 capital stock to manufacture brick, clay tiling, etc.

Alamo Sash and Door Company, San Antonio, Texas, was incorporated with $45,000 capital stock to manufacture sash and doors.

Continental Foundry Company, Montgomery, Ala., was incorporated with $50,000 capital stock to operate a foundry.

Texas Cement Plaster Company, Hamlin, Texas, was incorporated with $64,000 to manufacture cement plaster.

Jellico Coal and Railroad Company, Pine Knott, Ky., is making surveys preparatory to development of 15,000 acres of coal lands; will build 16-mile railroad from mouth of Capuchine Creek to intersection with Queen & Crescent route either at Pine Knott or Silerville.

Hammond Printing and Lithographing Works, Roanoke, Va., will build four-story steel and concrete plant, 50 by 90 feet to cost $40,000.

Illinois Central Railroad let contract to build 100-ton ice plant at Guinn, Miss., will equip for raising cars; Railways Ice Company, of Chicago (Illinois Central Railroad) let contract to build ice plant at Nonconnah, Tenn., with daily capacity of 150 tons ice and storage capacity of 6,000 tons; will also equip this plant for reicing cars.

Milford Garment Company, St. Louis, Mo., was incorporated with capital stock of $30,000 to manufacture clothing.

Oakland Lime and Stone Company, Oakland, Md., was incorporated with capital stock of $25,000 to establish lime and stone crushing plant.

Reidsville Fertilizer Company, Reidsville, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of $25,000 to manufacture fertilizer.

Twin State Oil Refining Company, Yale, Oklahoma, will build oil refinery of 2,000 barrels daily capacity.

Citra Cola Manufacturing Company, Louisville, Ky., was incorporated with $250,000 capital stock to construct bottling plant.

E. A. Orchard and associates, Austin, Texas, will organize company with $25,000 capital stock to manufacture knit underwear.

Pennsboro Concrete Works, W. Va., was incorporated with $25,000 capital stock to manufacture concrete blocks.

E. A. Orchard, Austin, Texas, and others, plant to organize company with capital stock of $25,000 and build mill for the production of cotton yarns.

CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE FROM OPEN FIREPLACE.

Miss Susie Hill, of Lenoir County, Aged 14, Burned to Death.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 18.—A belated report from Neuse township today tells of the burning to death of Miss Susie Hill, a 14-year-old girl of Sandy Bottom, in the home of her parents there day before yesterday. The girl's clothing took fire while she was standing in front of an open fireplace. She became panicky and ran out of the house, followed by her mother and another woman, who could do little toward extinguishing the flames, which completely enveloped her as the girl ran towards the wind. She lived several hours, enduring intense agony in her conscious moments. Jacob Hill, father of the girl, prostrate with typhoid fever, witnessed his daughter's predicament when she first caught afire, but was too feeble to assist her and suffered great mental agony as he lay helpless listening to her screams.

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WILSON IS TO HAVE A MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE

Programme Modeled After That of Newark, N. J., Last Year.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., December 17.—Wilson is to have a municipal Christmas tree, with a pageant, Christmas night. The programme is modeled after the entertainment as given at Newark, N. J., last year. The tree will be placed at the corner of the court house square, and will be decorated and lighted. An electric star will grace the tip of the till with the announcement of the story by the Herald, the Wise Men will appear, and in the same way the appearance of the Star in the East and the Announcement of the Angel be made.

The tree will be lighted each night during the Christmas week, and the dying lights on New Year's Eve will tell the story of the passing year. The plan is being carried through by a committee composed of Mesdames W. A. Lucas, Graham Woodard, W. A. Finch, C. L. Coon, T. W. Chambliss, and C. T. Thompson. This committee is assisted by a number of helpers. The program will provide for chorus and chants. The purpose of the tree is to accentuate the Christmas spirit.

Do you know that the White Market, at the Front Street, Market House, is selling all-native pork cuts at 18 cents pound? Phones 230-231-232.—Advertisement.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA—IN EQUITY.

R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

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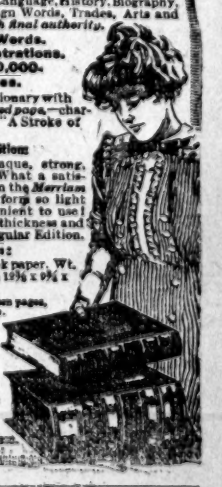

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER, 19, 1914

King Peter seems to be a repeater.

Wilmington ought to start a job-for-everybody movement.

Keep on cheering up and cheering everybody who cheers.

"Nothing succeeds like success". Bring on your success.

There is a difference between fixing a "uniform" price and "conspiring to advance the price."

What a great many men can't understand is how a fellow in dry territory can possibly "live like a lord."

The British navy is holding the mouth of the Euphrates, but there doesn't seem to be enough of the American navy to make Congressman Gardner hold his mouth.

"There is no place like home" said the man who lives in a steamheated house. "That's no joke", said another, who added that there is no place like home, unless it's a barn.

Nay! Nay! We say, our charming Suzanna, No man ever goes on chewing his cud, When the skin of a dad-blamed banana Makes him slip up and come down with a thud.

The superintendent of the Connecticut penitentiary has ordered that hereafter the prisoners must not be called convicts but inmates. Why not call them mates in spite of the fact that they are in?

A contemporary observes: "Secretary Bryan stood on his dignity when a girl kissed him and refrained from kissing her back". The gentleman was quite right in not kissing her back. Why didn't she face the music?

If men can cheer while going to the bottom of the ocean on a sinking ship, any of us ought to be able to cheer in the face of such a little thing as tough luck. Every man ought to have as much grit as any other man.

Violation of certain laws by people is owing to the fact that they follow a bad example which they have mistakenly accepted as legitimate. There is one class which actually does not seem to know when it's loaded. They guilelessly set a trap for others and get in it themselves.

Barry Pain, the English short story writer who is traveling in this country, says American plumbers are the best in the world. In view of the fact that water pipes are liable to freeze and burst during this sort of weather, it is well enough not to deny a word the story writer says about plumbers.

If a person be given only the key to the world's storehouse of knowledge—the ability to read—he is in position to appropriate its wealth. In other words, if a person can read, it is possible for him to secure a fair education and become a well-informed citizen. Pity the person who has not even the key.

From various sections of Eastern North Carolina, as well as from other parts of the South, are to the effect that the farmers are sowing more wheat and other grain crops this season than heretofore. Of course that means less cotton and more diversification, both of which mean a better day for the South. In the long run, the war in Europe may prove to us a blessing in disguise.

Finding markets is a matter of co-operation. When markets are found, all distributors will have to know about them, else there is no use to find them. Every producing community ought to have its cooperative organization to manage the matter of getting producing and consuming centers together. It is a sad commentary on our lack of system for a community with a large surplus to be within forty miles of another community in which there is a dearth, while neither knows of the conditions in the other. We will learn some day to get together on such an organization as we once had in the East Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association.

THE NAVY NEEDS BASES

While Washington is talking about the needs of the navy and this country's preparedness for war, in the event that there were hostilities, it is a good time for the Congressmen to remember that ships and men to man them is not all the navy needs. Even the navy as it exists would be practically useless on a large portion of the South Atlantic and Gulf coasts. Small ships might be used, but the large ones would have to stick close to the deep water bases in the event that a formidable enemy were operating on the Gulf or the South Atlantic coast.

The navy needs a base and coaling station at just such points as Southport. It is only a step inside the ocean lanes for ships, and there is no point on the entire South Atlantic into which there could be such a quick exit and entrance as can be had at the mouth of the Cape Fear.

To make the extensive deep water harbor at Southport available for the biggest ships, is only a matter of deepening the bar. A breakwater would make Southport available for a coaling station and general naval use, and it is rather surprising that our naval authorities have never considered that a well equipped naval defense requires more than ships and men. The navy needs a place to take its head in out of the wet if it should become necessary as a matter of offense or defense.

This is a serious matter which Congress should consider while it is having the needs of the navy called to its attention. The better equipped the navy is the less efficient it would be without coaling stations and bases. There would be little need of a larger navy if it had no harbors in which to lie or into which to go when far away from such bases as New York, Norfolk and one or two ports away up on the New England coast.

NO ILLITERACY AFTER 1920

The North Carolina Teachers Assembly in annual sesion at Charlotte last month resolved that there should be no more illiteracy in the Old North State after 1920. Such a resolution was adopted after the subject of white adult illiteracy had been thoroughly discussed in all its phases and from various angles, along with a thorough and practical discussion of means for eliminating this liability of the State, The teachers decided it would be possible in six years to bring North Carolina to the point where all its adult white citizens could read and write, and determined to do their part—the greater part—towards bringing about the consummation of such a desirable end.

The teachers' organization in this undertaking, should have the encouragement and support of every patriotic citizen, for illiteracy is a curse to the State and to the individual. No state can reach anything like its highest efficiency or attain the high degree of agricultural, industrial, commercial, political and social development that should be the desire of all her citizens as long as any considerable part of her adult population is unable to read. And the same may be said of the individual. The ability to read is the sine qua non of all education. It is the key to the world's vast storehouse of knowledge. The man who has not even this key is barred from the light and doomed to a life of outer darkness. The condition of a man who can not read is indeed pitiable. Any practical effort to reduce the number of such by helping them even to learn to read their mother tongue is the exercise of a high order of both patriotism and beneficence.

It has been demonstrated that such a movement is thoroughly practical. The so-called "moonlight" schools of Kentucky have become famous because of their results in wiping out illiteracy. Even in our own county of Harnett, under the faithful and zealous leadership of Superintendent J. D. Ezzell, the practicability of the effort to teach adults to read and write has been demonstrated. In Columbus county the movement to wipe out adult illiteracy. It may not be entirely ellis prospect that it will prove successful.

North Carolina has made remarkable and gratifying progress during the last decade in the reduction of its illiteracy, it may not be entirely eliminated in six years by the efforts of the teachers' organization, but the movement will prove a vast blessing to the State even if it reduces the present number of illiterates by half. And it will be such a blessing to the individuals thus helped that the effort will be entirely worth while. We bid God-speed to those engaged in this laudable and difficult undertaking.

VIOLATIONS OF NEUTRALITY

Stopping violation of the neutrality of the Panama Canal seems like locking the stable after the horse is gone. The German ships do not seem to be in evidence any more and Governor Goethals is informed that the several British ships which have been taking advantage of the opportunity to violate neutrality have finished up with what they had to do with the war and now propose to do business as merchant vessels. That would, perhaps, mean a return to their former peaceful avocation, and perhaps not.

The government was a little slow in responding to Governor Goethals' appeal for warships but it is better late than never that at least one ship has been suspected that Colonel Goethals been suspetced that Colonel Goethals did not want the warships so he could go on an excursion. During a grave crisis like this, the surprise is that a few warships were not stationed at both entrances of the canal as soon as the war broke out.

Every form of violation of neutrality should be stopped. The Hague convention should be strictly complied with, and the agreement of the tribunal should be at the fingers' ends of the authorities at Washington. It is not even well to give premature assurances that the administration is not in sympathy with the resolution of Senator Hitchcock to prevent the shipment of war materials to any of the belligerents. It really might be advisable at any time to refuse to aid any and all belligerents in their efforts to prolong a war that is ruinous to all the world.

It is too early to say what should be done with the Hitchcock resolution. Legally there is nothing to prevent the shipment of war materials as commercial commodities, but a moral obligation is involved and at best the government should not make haste in assuring any of the belligerents that it has no part in the proposition to refuse to allow our foreign friends to use this country's means of destruction with which to destroy each other.

MORE ENTERPRISES, MORE JOBS

During a crisis, or at a time of emergency, is a poor time to start something, but it affords a good opportunity to emphasize the need of Wilmington in the way of diversified industries. In times of prosperity, we should have been constructive, but as we neglected the heydey time for doing things it is well for us to talk now and do things when all this world trouble is over.

A job-for-everybody is what Wilmington needs most now, and the war has brought us face to face with the fact that it is the industrial centers of the country that are least affected by the war. A country which has diversified interests can afford to have part of them shut down as where there are many enterprises of various kinds some are always on the job.

The war ought to teach us a lessen and just as soon as we can help ourselves we ought to go to work and put the lesson into practice. There are plenty of enterprises which Wilmington can set on foot without waiting for the other fellow.

We need them in our business, as we now plainly see. We must make the most of some other period of prosperity that is liable to come along.

EUROPE TAKING COTTON

A New Orleans dispatch in The Star yesterday contained the cheering news that the exportation of cotton to Europe has largely increased. Thursday witnessed the record one-day shipment of 107,321 bales from all ports, while during the week the exports had footed up more than a quarter of a million bales—291,491 bales to be exact.

So far, since the war broke out, Europe has taken 2,032,169 bales, which is not a fourth of the foreign takings last year, but when it is taken into consideration that exports only began to move within the past 30 days the sign is hopeful that Europe doubtless will take many million more bales if neutral ships can be had to carry cargoes.

QUERY

To the Editor of The Star:

If fixing a uniform price for selling milk constitutes a "milk trust," what does fixing a uniform price for medical fees constitute?

CITIZEN.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 18.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A woman who canvassed Nevada for the suffragists received a hundred proposals of marriage during her campaign. The fact that she turned all of them down does not speak well for the quality of manhood in Nevada.—Rochester Herald.

The English women who are organizing a cavalry regiment for home defense are turning militancy to practical ends, abandoning their hobby horses for real mounts. English statesmen and works of art have not served as targets in vain.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Good for Ocracoke Island. It joins the good roads procession. The island is a powerfully interesting portion of North Carolina soil and the fact that it has gone in for good roads will help to give it the wider advertisement to which it is entitled.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The city has appropriated the sum of $500 with which to buy coal for people in Charlotte out of fuel. This is a commendable act upon the part of the city and one which will result in relieving suffering in many homes. What the city has done many individuals can do on a smaller scale.—Charlotte News.

The guess has been made that when the North Carolina Congressmen caucus on national prohibition they will decide to vote as a unit for Hobson and his measure. This is a good deal more than they would have done a few years ago, but prohibition is much more popular and controls more voters than ever before. Votes make the mare go. And yet why should they not stand by it? This State is dry by a vote of the people and an overwhelming vote. Why not be for prohibition?—Greensboro Record.

From a banking house's correspondent at Greenville, S. C., comes this cheering word: "Our mills are all running now on full time and practically all of them making money. Quite a number in North Carolina are running at night, and some in this section are running at night. Practically every duck mill in the South is running night and day—or as far as their labor will allow. The outlook is becoming more encouraging daily despite the low price of cotton." If such activity marks Southern mills it is difficult to see why there should be complaint of dullness in our local mills. Is it the fault of the industry or of mill management?—Philadelphia Record.

The report that Congressman Doughton, Kitchin, Page and Gudger will oppose the President's plan for the purchase of ships by the Government for the merchant marine, is viewed with regret by the Newton Enterprise. As The Observer understands it, these members of the North Carolina delegation are not opposed to the merchant marine, but to the purchase clause in the President's message and believe the same ends may be attained through other methods. We believe the North Carolina Senators and Representatives are a unit for the building up of the marine, but there are differences as to the best means of doing this. The purchase of vessels by the Government is regarded by many as a last resort. No doubt some plan acceptable to President Wilson and to the country at large will be evolved, possibly through amendments to the existing registry laws.—Charlotte Observer.

HEALTH OFFICE COLD PLACE

Court House Furnace Fails To Heat Main Office in Basement

The office of Dr. Jno. Thames, assistant county health officer, which is also the office of Dr. C. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, was deserted yesterday afternoon for the reason that the furnace in the basement of the Court House failed to perform its functions as a heating plant properly for this part of the building. The offices on the first floor of the building and the Superior Court room were warm as a toast and Chief Piner's office in the basement was comfortable.

Dr. Thames closed his office and moved into Chief Piner's department. He sent his stenographer home, feeling that it would be a cruel injustice to have her get pneumonia because of lack of heat in the county health office. The coldness of the atmosphere in that part of the building yesterday was not exceptionable. It has been much like a refrigerator all the week.

Tuesday night when the Board of Health had its meeting, it was only possible for the members to remain in the room by wearing their overcoats and then it took them an hour or so after they got home to thaw out thoroughly, it is said.

MRS. MARY A. ROWAN DEAD

Respected Christian Woman Passed Away at Home of Daughter

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary A. Rowan which occurred yesterday morning at 10:15 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, No. 810 South Front street. She was 72 years old. She was a member of Delgado Presbyterian church. She was greatly beloved because of her sweet disposition and noble Christian character.

Surviving are two sons, Mr. J. D. Rowan, of Charlotte, and Mr. N. N. Rowan, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. M. Y. Johnson and Mrs. T. M. Ellis, both of Wilmington, and one brother, Mr. N. Graves of Lumberton. They will have the sympathy of many friends.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ellis, this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Andrew J. Howell. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

MODEL VILLAGE IN DEMAND

North Carolina to Have Part in Health Exhibit at Great Exposition.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—That North Carolina shall have a part in the government health exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition next year at San Francisco, is the request from the children's bureau of the United States Department of Labor. The State Board of Health has been called on to contribute its model village, a part of the board's better health exhibit, as a representative feature of its better health work.

This village, in which the number of births in the homes is shown by lighted windows and the number of baby deaths by the lights going out at the windows, was brought to the notice of the children's bureau through North Carolinas' recent health exhibit at the American Public Health Association at Jacksonville, Fla. The model, that has not failed to attract national attention, is original with the State Board of Health, being the exclusive work of that board.

HELPLESS AS BACY

Down in Mind Unable to Work, and What Helped Her.

Summit Point, W. Va.—Mrs. Anna Belle Emey, of this place, says: "I suffered for 15 years with an awful pain in my right side, caused from womanly trouble, and doctored lots for it, but without success. I suffered so very much, that I became down in mind, and as helpless as a baby. I was in the worst kind of shape. Was unable to do any work.

I began taking Cardui, the woman's tonic, and got relief from the very first dose. By the time I had taken 12 bottles, my health was completely restored. I am now 48 years years old, but feel as good as I did when only 16.

Cardui certainly saved me from losing my mind, and I feel it my duty to speak in its favor. I wish I had some power over poor, suffering women, and could make them know the good it would do them."

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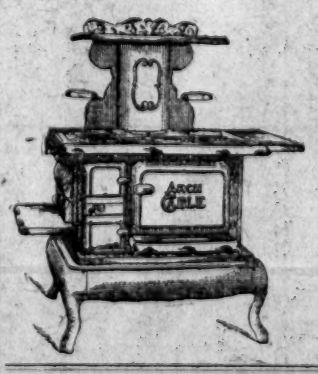

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THE COAST LINE DIVIDEND

Reduction Only a Mark of Conservatism, Characteristic of Leaders in Management.

The review of the stock market from New York, carried in yesterday's paper told of the reduction of the semi-annual dividend of the Atlantic Coast Line from 3 1-2 per cent. to 2 1-2 per cent., or from 7 to 5 per cent. basis. Much of this stock is held in Wilmington and North Carolina and in this connection, the following from yesterday's Baltimore Sun will be most reassuring. The Sun says:

Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company yesterday declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 1-2 per cent. It is payable January 11 to stockholders of record December 28. This is a reduction one per cent. from the dividend declared in July, when 3 1-2 per cent. was paid. It reduces the stock from a 7 per cent. annual dividend payer to 5 per cent. annually.

Directors of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad made a similar reduction in its dividend rate for the present half year, reducing it from 3 1-2 per cent. paid in August to 2 1-2 per cent. now declared. This is payable February 10 to stockholders of record January 20.

There was not mulc surprise expressed among the bankers and investors in Baltimore that both these roads should have adopted this policy. As both are practically in the control of the coterie of bankers of which Henry Walters is the head, it was looked upon as reasonable that the conditions which prompted it in the one case also prevailed to make it advisable in the other. Therefore, if conservatism was to prevail in the dividend action of the Coast Line, no surprise was felt that the Louisville and Nashville should adopt the same ocurse.

There is some disappointment felt that either road should find it necessary to cut dividends at this time. The Coast Line stock is held in considerable blocks in this city, apart from that in the control of Mr. Walters, Michael Jenkins and Waldo Newcomer, who are, perhaps, the largest individual holders. It is recognized that the earnings of the road have not been up to the mark of last year and have gone away below what they were when the dividend was raised to a 7 per cent. basis about two years ago. However, the road is known to be in a strong financial position, and many had hoped that the directors might see their way to retain the dividend at this time. Those who know Mr. Walters best, however, say that there is no more conservative person in the handling of the interests with which he is connected. They say that it is not at all astonishing that he would recommend a reduction in the dividend if the earnings did not justify it being kept up. Likewise, they say, he will be equally as ready to increase the dividend when conditions justify.

The Coast Line and Louisville, in common with all the railroads operated in the South, have felt the effect of the lessened freight movement in that section since the cotton crop trade became so seriously embarrassed. Many regard this ation as one which will tend to strengthen the market value of both stocks, as it demonstrates that in neither will the disbursements be allowed to exceed the earnings.

The Atlantic Coast Line stock closed on July 30 at 114. Since the opening for stock exchanges last Saturday for stock dealings it has not been sold. There have been offerings at 112, but it is said that is the minimum price the committee of the New York stock Exchange has placed upon it. Louisville sold yesterday at 125, though it was not active.

The Carolina Power and Light Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3-4 per cent. on the preferred stock, payable January 2 to stock of record December 19.

Complicity in Larceny.

Charged with aiding and abetting another negro in the larceny of three pair of trousers from the store of Mr. L. W. Davis two or three weeks ago, Emanuel Fairfield, a young negro, was arrested early last night at Sixth and Brunswick streets, by Officer J. O. Bullard. He could not give bond and was locked up at the police station. The principal in the larceny case has already been tried in the Recorder's court, Fairfield having made himself scarce until last night when he was rounded up by Officer Bullard.

SCHOONER SPRINGS LEAK

Alice May Davenport Put Into Southport Yesterday for Repairs—Her Condition Not Serious.

Leaking badly and with her pumps out of order, the schooner Alice May Davenport, loaded with salt from Turk's Island, Bahamas, and bound for Portland, Me., put into Southport yesterday for repairs. Her condition is not considered serious.

While coming up the coast the Davenport encountered the recent severe storm whihc swept the South Atlantic and while succesafully weathering the gale a leak appeared in her bottom which necessitated her putting into some port for repairs. An effort was made to continue her journey with the aid of her pumps but one of these gave way and Southport being the nearest port the vessel headed for the mouth of the Cape Fear. The tug Castor assisted in bring her in.

Necessary repairs will soon be made and the schooner will continue her trip up the coast. Her condition is not considered serious and a delay of a few days is thought to be sufficient to repair the damages sustained by the vessel.

The Alice May Davenport is a schooner of 910 tons plying between North Atlantic ports and Southern waters carrying general cargoes. She is in charge of Captain Wiley and is consigned to C. D. Maffitt & Co., of Wilmington, while at Southport.

The steamer Henry Williams, of the Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Line, arrived Thursday night late from Georgetown, S. C., and sailed for Baltimore yesterday afternoon. She carried a general cargo and was consigned to the company's agent here.

The Clyde line steamship Seminole which is in port will sale this afternoon for New York with a general cargo.

Do you know that the White Market, at the Front Street Market House is selling Premium Hams at 19 cents and Star Bacon at 28 cents per pound? Phones 230-231-232.—Advertisemnt.

DID NEGROES VIOLATE LAW?

Question of Selling Fresh Meat from Carts Creates Much Public Interest—Attorneys' Contention

The cases against Robert Loftin, Adie Loftin and E. Nixon, all colored, evidence in which was heard by Recorder Empie on Thursday morning and which will be decided by him after further consideration upon the filing of briefs by Solicitor Peschau for the State and L. Clayton Grant, Esq., attorney for the defense, has created no small interest on the part of the public. The defendants are charged with violating a city ordinance b yselling fresh pork in quantities less than a quarter from their carts on the public streets at a point where the city permits country carts to stand for the sale of vegetables and other produce but prohibits the sale of fresh meats.

The warrants against the three negroes were sworn out before a magistrate at the instance of certain meat dealers who occupy stands in the public market house and were made returnable before the Recorder. There are two points involved in the cases, the first being that the selling of meats from carts at the public market house is forbidden by a city ordinance, and the second that the sale of meats in less quantities than a quarter from the carts is forbidden at any point in the city.

The contention of the defense as outlined by Mr. Grant is that the defendants are non-resident producers and have the right to sell their produce in the city regardless of the city ordinance; that the effect of the ordinances of the city in creating markets and requiring licenses is to encourage monopolies, and that no tax or license can, under the statute, be imposed on the non-resident producer selling his products here, and that the effort made by the city ordinances to prevent the sale from carts of fresh meats in less quantities than a quarter is tantamount to this extent that producers are required to secure licenses, if they so desire to sell.

The contention for the State as so far outlined by Solicitor Peschau is that there is no ordinance of the city that requires a non-resident producer in cases of this kind to pay any tax or license; and that the ordinances of the city expressly recognize the right of the non-producer to sell his products, under certain conditions, outside of any licensed market or without the payment of a tax. He further contends that the city of Wilmington has apparently, so far as it has the power, recognized the necessity of regulating the sale of fresh meats and has tried to meet it both as a matter of public convenience and of public health; that the city has provided public markets and made provisions for the licensing of meat shops, requiring cleanliness and sanitary arrangements therein and frequent inspections of the products handled, and has prohibited its citizens from engaging in the sale of such products, unless they have a proper sanitary place, wherein to make such sales, and a license tax is paid.

Solicitor Peschau further contends that in the present cases the defendants are permitted to sell anywhere in the city except at the point selected by them which due to its proximity to the public market and for sanitary reasons the city prohibits; that the city has the right to do this, and further that as a health precaution the city has the right to regulate the chopping of meats handled in carts, and continually handled in small quantities to the injury of public health, by minimizing the danger and requiring it to be sold in quantities not less than a quarter. Finally he contends that it is manifest that even if inspections were made of animals or of the carcass after it is dressed that if the seller is permitted to sell it in small bits there is no guarantee that other meats that have not been inspected could be sold along with it and there would be no way in which to detect a violation of law.

These and other arguments Recorder Empie will have to consider in deciding whether or not the negroes have violated the law in selling fresh pork in less quantities than a quarter. Realizing the many phases involved in it, he has decided to give the matter serious consideration before making a final decision and has asked the attorneys to file written briefs outlining their respective contentions. In the meantime the public will continue to eat meat as usual and take chances on its being sanitary as it has been doing all these years.

MARINE HOSPITAL BUILDING

Supervising Architect Calls for Bids for Erection of Officers' Quarters.

Bids for the eretcion of quarters for the medical officers at the United States Marine hospital in this city are called for by the supervising architect of the Treasury Department at Washington. It is understood that the building will cost between $4,000 and $5,000 and will be located just to the north of the main hospital building. It will have a floor space of 1,170 square feet and of frame construction. The bids will be received until 3 p. m., January 14, 1915. The building will be two stories in height and will add materially to the hospital plant in this city.

The decision to go ahead with these improvements is taken as an indication that, for the present at least, the government has no idea of closing the institution here as has been hinted periodically for several years.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday School of St. James' Church to Hold Special Services.

The Sunday school of St. James' Episcopal church will have its Christmas celebratibn tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Each child will bring a well filled stocking and its mate and, as has been the custom for several years, the stockings and presents will be distributed in the city by the Salvation Army.

A special feature of the service will be the music. A cordial invitation is extended to both old and young to attend the services.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed in the office of the register of deeds yesterday for record: Southeastern Realty & Development Co., to Lucy Jarmon, of Jacksonville, N. C., for $10 and other considerations, lots 275 and 276 in Lakeside Park; R. H. Willis and wife to Marshall Shrier, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east side of Eleventh street, 33 feet south of Wright, 33 by 165 feet in size; Marshall Shrier to R. H. Willis and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on southeast corner of Eleventh and Queen streets, 32 by 66 feet in size; W. H. Williams to Jesse B. Williams and wife for $100 and other considerations, two acres of land on south side of Cedar creek.

JEWISH HOLIDAY ENDS TODAY

Chanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, Observed by Orthodox Jews Throughout the World.

One of the most interesting holidays in the Jewish calendar closes tonight after having been in progress for eight days. It is known as Chanukkah, the beast of Dedication, and all orthodox Jews throughout the world observe the festival.

Succinctly the event has to do with the Maccabean struggle for independence, the causes leading up to it and the importance that theme is to all orthodox Jews. It corresponds in the Jewish world to an American's Fourth of July and a little to the spirit of the yuletide, since gifts are made and the poor are remembered generously.

The historical background of the celebration is found in the fact that in the year 165, B. C., Judas Maccabeus, one of the few martial heroes in Jewish history, re-dedicated to the service of the one God, the temple of Jerusalem after its pollution by Antioch's Epiphanes, who had set up in place of God's altar a shrine to his heathen god. Just three years after this Roman pollution, on the 25th day of the month Kisley, the temple was reclaimed and re-dedicated to the service of God.

Around the festival cluster many beautiful legends, which have helped to shape the character of the celebration. One such legend is the one that when the temple was re-dedicated only a single cruse of oil was found unpolluted, but through the miraculous intervention of God, this oil proved to be sufficient for burning for eight successive nights, and until other oil fit for the service was prepared. For this reason, to this day, orthodox Jews light candles in their temples and in their homes throughout the world in celebration of Chanukkah for eight successive nights, one on the first night, two on the second night and so on until the eighth night.

MRS. MARY CATHERINE ANDREWS

Good Woman Enters Into Rest at Advanced Age—Funeral in Charlotte.

At the advanced age of nearly 78 years, Mrs. Mary Catherine Andrews, widow of the late Rev. F. B. Andrews, of the North Carolina Methodist Episcopal Conference, passed away at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hudler, No. 16 North Fifth street, this city.

The remains will be taken to Charlotte, on an early train today and the funeral will be conducted this afternoon from Tryon Street M. E. church, that city, the services being conducted by the pastor, the Rev. E. K. McLarty, assisted by Dr. T. F. Marr.

Mrs. Andrews was born at Woodford, on the banks of the Cape Fear, February 9, 1837, and, therefore, was in the 78th year of her age. She was the daughter of Rev. Morgan C. Turrentine, of the Alabama Conference, who was one of the first missionaries of his church to the Indians. Her mother was Lydia Rothwell. Mrs. Andrews was a graduate of Greensboro Female College under Dr. Deems. She was married to Rev. Mr. Andrews, who, on account of failing health, was compelled to locate about the year 1868. Mrs. Andrews was fond of recounting her experiences as a Methodist preacher's wife, some of which were most interesting indeed. Those were days when parsonages were few and the comforts of the pastor were scarce.

Mrs. Andrews was converted and joined old Wayman church, now on the Carver's Creek circuit, 66 years ago. Her life was that of a faithful, consistent Christian. She had her troubles as otehr people, but the outside world never knew. She was a veritables as other people, but the outside went. She was one who did not grow old, but really died, as a friend remarked "78 years young."

Those present in her last hours will never forget her triumphant faith and the radiance of her faith when the end came. Her words to members of her family were tender as she assured them that heaven was close at hand.

Her children are as follows: W. C. G. Andrews, of New York; Mrs. J. W. Hudler, F. B. Andrews and Miss Carrie Andrews, of Wilmington; Mrs. C. M. Davidson, of Charlotte. She also leaves a brother, Mr. John R. Turrentine, of Wilmington. All have the sympathy of friends in their sorrow.

REV. O. L. STRINGFIELD TO SPEAK AT Y. M. C. A.

Assistant Secretary of Anti-Saloon League to Be in Wilmington.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield, assistant secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, with headquarters in Raleigh, will be the speaker at the men's mass meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. Mr. Stringfield is a strong and forceful speaker and his address will be well worth hearing. He has been on the platform for many years and is widely known. There will be a special musical programme. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Stringfield will preach at the First Baptist church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

NEW HANOVER PAYS TEACHERS

Salaries Have Been Paid Promptly Each Month for Last 15 Years—Checks Sent Yesterday

"New Hanover county has paid her teachers promptly at the close of each month this year and has done so for the last 15 years," said Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction, when asked yesterday if he had received a letter from State Superintendent Joyner declaring it the duty of county boards of education to borrow money for the payment of teachers' salaries.

"Yes, I have the letter here somewhere," he continued with a smile on his face that expressed the greatest satisfaction that there had been no need in New Hanover for sending out such a letter. "I am going to write Dr. Joyner tonight and tell him that we have a clean record. We believe that when our teachers have done their work that it is nothing but right that they should be paid promptly.

"I have made out all the checks for the teachers of the county for the last month and they will receive them today. We want them to be able to have a merry Christmas and this can't be done without some money, you know."

The schools of New Hanover county are run on a business-like basis and this demands that teachers shall receive their money when they have done their work. Such a record has meant much for the splendid system of county schools now in operation, for a teacher naturally takes more interest in her work when she does not have to worry about how to meet her board bills and where she is going to get money with which to buy necessary articles.

Following is the body of the letter sent out by State Superintendent Joyner to all county school superintendents:

"The Attorney General has advised, and I have ruled that it is the duty of the county boards of education under section 4164, to borrow money for the payment of teachers' salaries, if necessary. I urge the boards to take the necessary steps at once, to provide for monthly payment of salaries without discount or loss to teachers."

COMPLIMENTS ST. JAMES'.

Rev. R. W. Patton, of Atlanta, Ga., Speaks of Its Splendid Work.

Rev. R. W. Patton, of Atlanta, who spent a week in Wilmington last spring, is now in Raleigh, where he has made a number of addresses on missions with the result that great interest is manifested in this part of the work of the church. In an address Thursday night he spoke of the splendid work that has been done by St. James' Episcopal church, of Wilmington. The following is from the report of the address in yesterday's News and Observer:

"He recited the results at St. James' church, Wilmington, as to what could be done with a church fully aroused. After a campaign like the one being conducted here, the church which was doing three times as much as any church in the South increased its offerings to missions by $4,200 and its contributions to the parish work by $3,000."

NEW HANOVER NUMBER OF TILESTON TOPICS

High School Magazine Contains Many Interesting Articles.

The November number of Tileston Topics, the monthly magazine published by the students of the Wilmington High school, was issued this week. It is a New Hanover number and has many interesting articles full of valuable information on this county. A high standard of excellence has always been maintained for the contributions to this periodical and this number probably excels any that have ever before been published. Handsomely bound in brown covers with pretty cover design, the 44 pages present a most creditable appearance.

The story of New Hanover is told both in prose and verse and equally well in each. Notable historical incidents are given which can but make those who hail from this noble county prouder of their native heath. The different departments are well edited.

Haar Store to Open.

At a meeting of the creditors of Mr. G. Henry Haar, presided over by Referee in Bankruptcy George H. Howell, yesterday, it was decided to authorize the trustee, Mr. Frank Herbst, to open the store at 111 Chestnut street, for the disposal of the stock at retail. Accordingly Mr. Herbst announces in todays' paper that the store will be thrown open to the public on Monday morning.

Information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club cheerfully given by an officer of this bank. American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

Do you know that the White Market, at the Front Street Market House, is selling Premium Hams at 19 cents Chuck Steak at 13 1-2 ecnts per pound? Phones 230-231-232.—Advertisement.

SUNDAY SERVICES

"God is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His works." It is meet and proper that we unite to worship Him and give Him thanks for all His blessings bestowed upon us.' The following places of worship give a cordial invitation to meet with them in worship.

"If any man serve Me him will My Father honor."

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fourth and Campbell streets. Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor: Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor and at 8 p. m. by Rev. H. W. Koelling. The Miriams at 10:30 a. m. Sabbath school at 3:30 p. m. Junior C. E. at 4:30 p. m. Senior C. E. at 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Seats free. A welcome to all.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects to preach in Castle Haynes at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington. Rev. H. W. Koelling, pastor: Sabbath school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 11:15 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7:30 p. m. prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to all these services.

Harnett Street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets. Rev. W. M. Baker evangelist in charge: Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching every Second and Fourth Sabbaths at 7:30 a. m.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor: Services tomorrow, Sunday, at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. at which time gifts from the school will be received for mountain missions. The public is cordially invited to these services

Delgado Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor: Services tomorrow, Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10:15 a. m. No midweek service. The public is cordially invited to these services.

First Presbyterian church corner of Third and Orange streets. Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor. Usual preaching services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Rev. W. M. Shaw. Sunday school 3:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor 7:15 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m. Strangers and visitors always welcome.

Immanual Presbyterian church, corner Front and Queen streets, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor. Preaching tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend all services.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. B. H. Stephens returned last night from a pleasant visit to Charlotte.

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Miss Elizabeth Jennings Westbrook arrived last night from Greensboro College for Women, where she has been a student to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Westbrook, of Bradley's Creek.

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The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the W. L. I. armory. A large attendance of of members is earnestly desired.

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Dr. H. T. Foard and bride, of Hickory, N. C., stopped over here Wednesday night and yesterday to visit Dr. Foard's brothers, Messrs. C. D. and H. M. Foard. They left yesterday afternoon for Florida, where they will visit Mrs. Foard's sister.

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Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of Christ's Episcopal church of Newbern and chairman of the standing committee of the Diocese of East Carolina, arrived in the city yesterday and is the guest of Graham Kenan, Esq., No. 202 South Third street. He will return to his home today.

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school last evening in the Memorial Hall, beginning at 7:45 o'clock, entertained members of the church at a very enjoyable social. The evening was delightfully spent by those in attendance and a number of entertaining events were arranged for the evening.

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Misses Edelweiss King, Myrtle Rhodes, Elizabeth Westbrook and Thelma Brooks arrived last evening from Greensboro, where they have been students in the Greensboro College for Women, and will spend the holidays at home. They were accompanied by Misses Lois Allen and Bolton, and Jeannette Pearce, of Southport, who will go to their homes today.

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Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 18.—Miss Margaret Pierce was hostess to the Rook club at the holiday meeting on Thursday afternoon. The parlors of her beautiful home were decorated in holly, foliage and Christmas bells, and six tables containing bonbons or mints were arranged for the club game, rook. The score cards were hand painted bells, which, when the score was counted, showed that Mrs. Charles F. Carroll was the winner of the prize, a lively book to be used as the receptable of the season's poems, and Mrs. Charles Chamber the booby, a "real Santa Claus." These prizes were gracefully presented by Mrs. H. F. Pierce. Mrs. Dudley Pierce, of New York, the guest of honor, was the recipient of a daintily bound copy of Browning, which was presented by the hostess. A delicious salad course and tea were served, crepe paper in holly design being used instead of the conventional linen.

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LARGER NUMBER OF RED CROSS SEALS SOLD

There was an increase in the number of Red Cross Seals sold at the postoffice yesterday, the total number disposed of being 471. There is need for much larger daily sales, however, if the desired goal is reached and the ladies in charge hope that the public will give them a much larger patronage today. Wilmington has heretofore led the State in this worthy cause and must do so again this year.

The chaperones for today are Mrs. S. Mendelsohn and Mrs. Cuthbert Martin.

MANY WITHOUT EMPLOYMENT

Associated Charities and Salvation Army Working Hard to Help Needy—Assistance Needed

There are many men in Wilmington without employment, according to the reports to the Associated Charities and the Salvation Army. Many able bodied men have been unable to find any work and as a result their families are in need. Many of these are seafaring men who are here stranded. Those who can offer any assistance should notify these organizations.

Adjutant and Mrs. Mataxas, of the Salvation Army, state that the demands made upon them are greater than has been the case since they came to Wilmington three years ago. They are meeting the needs as they arise as best they can with the limited supplies at their command.

Miss Carrie Price, secretary of the Associated Charities, said yesterday that the number applying to her for help is increasing daily. She has been unable to render assistance in many cases but is doing the best she can. There is not a great amount of sickness and the most general complaint has been on account of the lack of work.

The efforts of these two organizations to relieve suffering are meeting with the cordial co-operation of many people in the city. The suffering in Wilmington is not as great as in some other cities but there are many cases of need. The cold weather here, fortunately, is not so hard on those without clothing as in the colder climates but there are many demands made for clothing, shoes and fuel. There are also many families without enough to eat and in the most needy cases their wants are being supplied.

Through the kindness of Mr. I. Shrier the Salvation Army will tonight between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock serve a free lunch at the Seaman's Bethel, corner Front and Dock streets, to the hungry. The lunch will be for men, women and children. These lunches will be served on each Saturday night during the remainder of the Winter season.

The Salvation Army is still far behind in its efforts to secure enough funds with which to provide baskets for the poor on Christmas day and for the Christmas tree on New Year's day for the children of the poor. The collections this week have not been as large as had been hoped and there must be a large increase, if all the needy are to have a good dinner on Christmas day. Those who have funds to contribute are urged to send them promptly in order that arrangements for preparing the baskets may be completed as early as possible.

It is planned to send out at least one hundred baskets with a sufficient supply of eatables in each for from five to eight people. In this way not less than 500 people can be provided with a bountiful Christmas dinner and there are many more than this number in the city, who are without the means of purchasing any of the good things that go to make up a good dinner.

Those who cannot contribute money are urged to donate such clothing as they may have for which they have no need. Shoes are also needed. By notifying the Salvation Army they will be sent for and will be used where they are most needed.

WARMER WEATHER AT LAST

Local Rains Forecasted for This Vicinity—General Cloudiness.

Yesterday witnessed a material rise in temperature, the thermometer registering 32 degrees at 8 a. m. and at 8 o'clock last night it was 42 degrees or within three degrees of the maximum for the day which was 45 degrees. The Weather Man reported that the disturbances had moved in from the Pacific and the extreme Northwest, resulting in a rise in temperature in nearly all districts, the greatest change occurring in the Northwest.

Observer Felger forecasts general cloudiness for today with local showers likely although some of the other weather prophets hereabouts were strongly of the opinion that it would snow. However, there had been no sign of snow or rain at an early hour this morning and Observer Felger may be right. He "made good" on his predictions of cold weather, scoring a distinct "beat" on all the local prognosticators.

ATTENTION!

Trustees' sale of the entire G. H. Haar stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Fancy Articles, Christmas Goods, etc., will begin Monday, December, 28, at 9 o'clock, at the Little Store, 111 Chestnut street, at slaughter prices.—Advertisement.

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MEETING OF TRUCK GROWERS

Prof. W. R. Camp, of Raleigh, Will Speak at Court House This Afternoon—Public Invited

The mass meeting of the truckers of New Hanover county which will be held in the Recorder's room in the basement of the Court House at 2 o'clock this afternoon will be largely attended by farmers from all sections of the county according to prospects. Prof. W. R. Camp, head of the division of marketing of the State Department of Agriculture, will make an address on the problems connected with securing markets for produce.

The primary purpose of the meeting is to enlist as many truck growers as possible in the co-operative movement. In order that good prices be obtained for produce it is necessary to secure a wider distribution of markets and this can only be done by employing a sales agent who will devote his entire time to supervising shipments.

Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator, has given much time and has done much work in organizing a strong co-operative association. He has been highly successful and the results of the meeting this afternoon will likely be that practically every grower of the county is enrolled as a member of the organization.

Professor Camp is devoting his entire time to the problems of marketing and he has been successful in finding many new markets for the products grown in North Carolina. A systematic advertising campaign has been carried on under his direction and he has also done much towards seeing that marketing centers are kept from being overrun with produce while others are neglected. His suggestions will prove of great value in the plans now under consideration and everyone interested is urged to hear him this afternoon.

TWO FAST BASKETBALL GAMES AT BRIGADE

Orioles Defeated Skeeters Winning Championship for First Series

In the basketball games at the Boys' Brigade last night the Orioles defeated the Skeeters, score 37 to 24 and the Rebels defeated the Bugs score, 51 to 13. The scores tell the tale of the games. The Bugs and Rebels opened the session and it was soon apparent that the Rebels were too strong for them and the score soon verified this judgment as the Rebels began to score almost immediately after the beginning of the game and kept at it until the end.

The main point gainers for the Rebels was C. and F. Griffith and A. Smith who rolled up a total of 22 field goals between them while for good measure Simmons, Andrews and Davis each scored one. For the Bugs, Captain Fales scored the most points as he secured five field goals for ten points while Lord managed to cage the ball once and the referee awarded them one point.

There was some pretty work shown in this game despite the one sideness of the score as the passing of the Griffiths and other players was of a high class.

The second game between the Skeeters and Orioles was very fast and well played. This game was to break a tie for first place between these two teams and they went in in dead earnest with every player going his best to win what was to them a crucial game as with it goes the championship for the first half of the season. In the first half it was nip and tuck with the Skeeters leading at the end of the half. However the Orioles got to going good in the second half and it was all theirs as they seemed to score almost at will with every man on the team entering in it.

Before the half ended the Orioles had secured 11 field goals and one foul goal while the best the Skeeters could do was to score three field goals and three foul goals making the score 22 to 0 for the half and the total score 37 to 24 in favor of the Orioles. This victory gives Captain George Fowler and his Orioles the championship for the first series, with the Skeeters second and the Rebels third and Bugs last.

Y. M. C. A. Boys' Meeting

Mr. R. C. Gresham will address the members of the Junior Division of the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the association building and all the boys of the city are invited to attend.

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THEATRICAL

"Within the Law," Bayard Veiller's melodrama of modern conditions in New York life which will be seen at the Academy on December 25 matinee and night, treats interestingly of the minimum wage in that it tells the story of a shop girl who is unjustly accused of theft and sent to States prison for three years. In the first act, she has a terrific scene with her employer, the owner of a department store, known as the "Emporium," in which she tells him in plain language of the temptations which he places in the paths of his girl employes through starvation wages and the consequent privations they are forced to undergo. The rest of the play is devoted to the absorbing story of "Mary Turner's" revenge. In association with a gang of "crooks" Mary preys upon society, but manages to keep within the pale of the law always. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, the eminent clergyman, said of Mr. Veiller's play, "every employer in the country should see 'Within the Law.'"

Seven Reels at the Bijou.

It falls to the lot of the popular photoplay house to break all records for a Saturday motion picture bill in both quantity and quality, for today they have booked a total of seven full reels to cater to the tastes of the week-end crowds that would throng the popular cozy corner anyway. Five full reels of the biggest dramatic features of the year, and two big comedy numbers combine to make today's one of the real features of the year in a moving picture bill in this city. Two of the dramas are mammoth two-reelers, too—feature releases.

Popular Mary Fuller, of course, will be topliner, in the fourth of her great Universal productions, entitled "A Lonely Salvation." This, of course, comes in two full reels under the usual Victor brand, and popular Mary is supported by Charles Ogle.

A notable Mutual production follows, a two-reel drama, "Jimmy." It's a story with a strong human interest theme that must appeal strongly and pleasantly to everyone who witnesses it. Seen in the leading roles are Cyril Gottlieb, Gertrude Claire and pretty Mildred Harris.

The third big drama for the day is a Nestor, "As We Journey Through Life," and features that popular dramatic couple, Murdock MacQuarrie and Agnes Vernon, in the leading roles, with Beatrice Van.

"The Million Dollar Bride" is a side-splitting Mutual farce-comedy, with Ted Browning and Fay Tinhcer in the leading roles.

Then comes a timely Victor comedy, "Papa Buys a Bale," that contains three laughs to every flash.

At the Victoria.

Truly, a wonderful bill has the Victoria, Wilmington's handsomest theatre, selected to climax a great week. So all amusement-lovers, those who like to behold the last word in filmdom, who have a taste only for the refined and who love to glimpse the most wonderful of photoplays, are given a sure tip to wend their way Victoria-ward this afternoon or tonight. The children especially should be carried to see today's great show. It will afford them splendid, wholesome entertainment.

Today's great show at the Victoria will be lead by a special release, of course. The Victoria never has a show without some extraordinarily special feature. Today's is Lubin's masterly, "In the Hills of Kentucky" and it has a thrill a second, while presenting perfectly gorgeous scenery, to make the eye dance with delight.

There is yet another great dramatic on today in the Biograph's biggest and best, "The Flour-de-Lis Ring," and it is one of the most fascinating stories ever made into moving pitcures. The cast of this big one is headed by Alfred Paget and Isabel Rea. Following this one will come Selig's merry jingle, "Cupid Turns the Table." It all starts when poor "Batch," being wealthy, is beset by a bunch of women.

Mr. Corbett will also present new song today.

Mary Pickford at New Grand

Without doubt this is going to be the starriest day, in the way of moving picture shows, that Wilmington has ever known. Today the New Grand the theatre beautiful and fascinating, has a bill of all star artists to offer the folks of Wilmington and such stars. None of lesser light today, fellow amusement-lovers. Each one is one of the most brilliant of orbs. First of all, Miss Mary Pickford is going to appear. This by itself will be hailed with delight by the amusement public and will be sufficient to make folks crowd to the New Grand, which, by the way, is the most confortable spot in the city, being always as warm as the proverbial toast on the coldest day. This really distinguished American actress will be seen today in her latest triumph, "Waiter No. 5. It is something far out of the ordinary and gives Miss Pickford ample chance to display her wonderful talent and make a further and stronger grasp on the hearts of the American people.

Then will come another big star-one of the greatest. It will be clever, popular Carlyle Blackwell, who is to appear in a big 2-reeler, "Mrs. Peyton's Pearls". It is one of the most mystifying and thrilling tales ever flashed on a screen and Mr. Blackwell is immense in the stellar role.

The final of today's great show will come with a rush and a big laugh, when the swell comedy, "Sweetie at the Fair," is presented.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Suit was statred in Superior Court yesterday by the Stone Company against J. W. Murray, Robert Ruark, Esq., represents the plaintiff. The complaint was not filed.

—Only one case was tried by the Recorder yesterday, this being that against William Jackson, colored, charged with an assault on a female. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

—Rachel Webber, colored, will be arraigned before the Recorder this morning on a charge of larceny. Edmound Highsmith, colored, swore out a warrant at the police station last night charging her with stealing $20 in money. She was arrested and locked up by Policeman W. K. Rhodes.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—The condition of Willam Marion Thorp, the 16-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thorp, was reported from the James Walker Memorial Hospital this morning as being critical. He was accidentally shot by a companion at Sunset Park Wednesday afternoon.

—Mr. H. H. Ford, of the United States engineer's office, was operated on for a nasal trouble at Harper's Sanitarium yesterday. The operations was performed by Dr. J. G. Murphy. His friends will be glad to learn that his condition is not serious.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MARKET IRREGULAR

During Yesterday's Trading With the Close Steady at Net Unchanged to Five Points Up.

New York, Dec. 18.—Cotton market was irregular during today's trading with the close steady net unchanged to five points higher.

The market opened at a decline of 1 point on July but was generally above yesterday's closing figures during the early trading.

There was a good deal of realizing around 7.70 for May, or about 35 points above the low level of last week, and prices became easier while selling was promoted during the early afternoon by reports from New Orleans suggesting that recent naval developments might temporarily interrupt the export movement. Such reports could not be confirmed in local shipping circles, however, and after breaking to a net loss of some 4 to 9 points on active months, the market rallied to about the high point of the morning, some months making new high ground for the movement. The close was 2 or 3 points off from the best under renewed realizing.

Spot cotton quiet, middling uplands 7.40; gulf 7.65; no sales. Cotton futures closed steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	7.26	7.36	7.25	7.31
March	7.48	7.52	7.42	7.50
May	7.68	7.70	7.57	7.66
July	7.82	7.86	7.74	7.83
October	8.02	8.12	8.01	8.10

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 7¼; receipts 4,536; exports 492; sales 2,675; stock 291,091.

Galveston—Middling 7½; receipts 21,739; sales 1,111; stock 396,017.

Mobile—Middling 7; receipts 579; sales 200; stock 45,482.

Savannah—Middling 7¼; receipts 13,928; sales 4,481; stock 275,746.

Charleston—Middling 7; receipts 4,635; sales 1,413; stock 119,334.

Wilmington—Middling 7; receipts 1,557; stock 47,157.

Texas City—Receipts 3,644.

Norfolk—Middling 7; receipts 4,272; stock 72,417.

Baltimore—Middling 7¼; receipts 2,925; stock 7,133.

Boston—Middling 7.40; receipts 105; stock 7,388.

Philadelphia—Middling 7.60; receipts 47; stock 6,048.

New York—Middling 7.60; exports 2,607; stock 77,056.

Minor Ports—Receipts 8,209; exports 76; stock 51,323.

Total today—Receipts 65,357; exports 8,703; stock 1,395,917.

Total for week—Receipts 424,414; exports 299,709.

Total for season—Receipts 3,903,124; exports 2,040,387.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 7 1-16; receipts 21,558; shipments 19,301; sales 7,958; stock 167,184.

Memphis—Middling 7; receipts 9,327; shipments 7,379; sales 2,900; stock 267,845.

Augusta—Middling 7¼; receipts 2,169; shipments 1,653; sales 868; stock 157,140.

St. Louis—Middling 7¼; receipts 2,248; shipments 4,090; stock 33,511.

Cincinnati—Receipts 1,887; shipments 1,629; stock 4,450.

Little Rock—Middling 7; receipts 320; shipments 1,652; stock 54,693.

Dallas—Middling 6¾; sales 18,168.

Total today—Receipts 38,809; shipments 35,715; stock 684,823.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 18—Spot cotton steady, prices steady. American middling fair 5.30; good middling 4.68; middling 4.44; low middling 3.97; good ordinary 3.35; ordinary 2.90. Sales 7,000 bales, including 5,600 American and 1,000 for speculation and export. Receipts 14,000 bales, including 6,500 American. Futures closed steady. May and June 4.20½; July and August 4.27½; October and November 4.37½; January and February 4.43.

Total forwarded to mills 82,000 bales, of which 60,000 were American. Stock 708,000; American 445,000; imports 101,000; American 85,000; exports 4,800.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18.—Cotton seed oil was higher early today on professional support, but declined later under freer offerings of crude and poor demand in money. Final prices were 3 to 5 points net lower. Sales were 3,600 barrels.

The market closed steady. Spot 5.60 to 5.85; December 5.65 to 5.75; January 5.75 tot 5.76; February 5.84 tot 5.89; March 6.00 to 6.02; April 6.08 to 6.13; May 6.25 to 626; June 6.32 to 6.39; July 6.45 to 6.48.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18.—Domestic cotton goods were being ordered steadily by jobbers today. Print cloths were firmer. Carpet wools were bought freely for future delivery. Improvements in silks continued.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4½; sterling exchange easy; 60 day bills 4.8425; for cables 4.8750; for demand 4.87. Bar silver 48¾. Mexican dollars 37¾. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds steady.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18.—Spot sugar firm; centrifugal 4.01; molasses sugar 3.36; refined grades steady, unchanged.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Steady, unchanged.

Coffee—Spot firm; Rio No. 7, 7¾; Santos, November 10c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Hogs, weak; bulk 7.20 to 7.35; light 8.20 to 8.35; mixed 8.35 to 9.20; heavy 6.85 to 7.35; rough 6.85 to 7.00; pigs 5.75 to 7.30.

Cattle—Steady; native steers 7.00 to 10.00; Western 4.90 to 7.65; cows and heifers 2.90 to 7.70; calves 5.50 to 8.25.

Sheep—Weak; sheep 5.25 to 6.30; yearlings 6.60 to 7.30; lambs 6.40 to 8.60.

For information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club, Phone 110. American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

Market Much Firmer During Past Seven Days and Prices Recover from Break of Last Week

New York, Dec. 18—The cotton market has been firmer during the past week and prices recovered a good part of the decline which folowed publication of the government's crop estimate a week ago last Thursday. Business has not been active, but demand has broadened somewhat. For the first time since the beginning of the season, exports of cotton this week exceeded those for the same week last year, and advices coming in from various Southern ports suggested a continued large movement during the balance of December and January, particularly from Galveston.

The census figures on supply and distribution showed a falling off in domestic mill consumption for November as compared with the previous month and last year. Stocks of lint cotton in the hands of the mills on December 1st were comparatively light, in keeping with the reports that domestic spinners are still buying only for their more immediate needs.

Such increased offerings as may have come from the interior in order to secure funds for the holidays or first of the year obligation are, therefore, supposed to have been absorbed chiefly by exporters. Meanwhile the big increase reported in the winter wheat acreage of the cotton states has led to more confident talk in a reduction in cotton acreage and local brokers say there has been somewhat better demand for the late months from investors.

The advance in contracts, however, has been most generally attributed to covering or re-buying by traders who had sold during the previous week in anticipation that the record breaking supply figures would shake the confidence of interior holders, but who found very little hedge selling, while advices reaching local spot dealers have indicated that pre-holiday offerings in the South have been smaller than usual this year.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Henry Williams, Cole, Georgetown, Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Co.

Schr. Alice May Davenport, 910 tons, Wiley, Turks Island, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Cleared.

Str. Henry Williams, Cole, Baltimore, Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Alcana (Ital.), 2,246 tons, Ghiglione, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 3,872 tons, tanks, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett; C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. William Thomas Moore, 263 tons, Jones, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. Alice May Davenport, 910 tons, Wiley, C. D. Maffitt & Co. (In distress).

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, at 43½c.

ROSIN—Steady; large, $3.20; small, $3.05.

TAR — Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $2.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 41½; rosin, firm, $3.45; tar, firm, $2.50-11; crude, Spirits Turpentine 22
Rosin 169
Tar 176
Crude Turpentine 13

Receipts same day last year crude turpentine, 7 casks; rosin, 27 barrels; tar, 193 barrels; crude turpentine, 18 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts 1,407 bales; same day last year, 1,516 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 75,844 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 293,414 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 18, 1914.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,333 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 5 barrels rosin; 168 barrels tar; 13 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—9 bales cotton; 4 barrels tar.

Str. Duplin 55 bales cotton.

Str. Thelma—1 cask spirits turpentine; 31 barrels rosin.

Schr. Geo. Slover—11 casks spirits turpentine; 50 barrels rosin; 4 barrels tar.

Str. Henry Williams—10 bales cotton.

Schr. Addie May—9 casks spirits turpentine; 63 barrels rosin.

Total—1,407 bales cotton; 22 casks spirits turpentine; 169 barrels rosin; 176 barrels tar; 13 barrels crude turpentine.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Friday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 60c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 28c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

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BREAK IN STOCKS CHECKED

Prices Tumbled Rapidly in Morning But I. C. C. Decision Causes Change in Market.

New York, Dec. 18.—Prior to announcement shortly before before midday that the Interstate Commerce Commission had granted a restricted 5 per cent. freight advance to the Eastern railroads, the stock market was dropping at a pace which strongly suggested liquidation. In the brief period betewen the opening of the market and the publication of a summary of the decision, prices crumbled two to three points and were four to six points under the high level reached on Tuesday, when open trading was reestablished.

Some shares were within a few points of the minimum prices and seasoned issues were declining for lack of support. What made the movement more noteworthy, aws the fact that it took very little stock to effect the decline. Average transactions at that time were in 100 to 200 share lots, with losses between sales extending to half a point or more.

Although early advices reaching the financial district respecting the decision were somewhat misleading, they were of a tenor to indicate that many of the more important demands of the railroads had been granted.

This was sufficient to precipitate a hasty covering movement by the bears and induced some long buying, which not only obliterated all early losses but restored the average of prices well above the previous day.

Students of the railway situation regarded the commission's decision as a victory for the roads, although its importance largely was nullified it was said, by the failure to include coal, coke and iron ore in the list of commodities entitled to higher rates.

Time money was easier, the rate for all dates being reduced to 4 per cent. Large amounts of call money were placed at 3 per nect. The local Federal Reserve bank followed the lead of similar institutions elsewhere by lowering its discount rates.

Bonds were heavy at the outset, but recovered with stocks. Total sales, par value, $1,392,000.

United States government bonds were unchanged on call.

New York Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	54⅛
American Agricultural	48
American Can	25¾
American Car & Foundry	45
American Cities pfrd	59¼
American Cotton Oil	40
American Smelting	58¼
American Snuff	145
American Sugar	107
American Tel. & Tel.	118¼
American Tobacco	218
Atchison	93½
Atlantic Coast Line	112
Baltimore & Ohio	69⅜
Canadian Pacific	157
Central Leather	37¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	43⅜
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	90
Erie	22⅞
General Electric	140
Great Northern pfd	115½
Illinois Central	110
Interborough Met. pfd	50½
Kansas City Southern	22
Lehigh Valley	135
Louisville & Nashville	125
Liggett & Myers	210
Lorillard Co.	184
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	10¼
Missouri Pacific	10¼
Mexican Petroleum	51
New York Central	83¾
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	57⅝
Norfolk & Western	100½
Northern Pacific	101¼
Pennsylvania	107⅞
Reading	147¼
Rep. Iron & Steel	18¾
Rep. Iron & Steel pfd	76
Rock Island Co.	1¼
Rock Island Co. pfd	2¼
St. L. & San Fran. 2nd pfd	2½
Seaboard Air Line	12⅜
Seaboard Air Line pfd	45
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	22⅞
Southern Pacific	84
Southern Railway	16
Southern Railway pfd	64
Tennessee Copper	32⅝
Texas Co.	128
Texas and Pacific	12½
Union Pacific	118
United States Steel	50½
United States Steel pfd	105
Utah Copper	49
Virginia, Caro. Chem.	20
Western Union, ex div.	58

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 18.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 50@55c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@$2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green, salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 12.—North Carolina Peanuts—Market, steady; new crop, fancy handpicked, 70c; No. 1, machine picked, 65c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts—New crop Jumboes, 65c; fancy hand-picked, 60c; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c; Jumboes, 65c per bu. All receipts, heavier.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 3.—Spanish—Farmer's stock—Market, steady, 85c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock—Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¼c. per lb. Extra Prime, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb. Shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

Receiver's Sale.

Everything must go. Hopkin's Fur Store Co.—Advertisement.

HESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

(Comparisons are to actual dates, not to close of corresponding weeks.)

In sight for week 629.

In sight same seven days last year, 511.

In sight for the month, 1,548.

In sight same date last year, 1,460.

In sight for season, 6,736.

In sight same date last year, 9,454.

Port receipts for season, 3,903.

Port receipts same date last year, 6,612.

Overland to mills and Canada for season, 893.

Overland same date last year, 559.

Southern mill takings for season, 1,328.

Southern mill takings same date last year, 1,541.

Interior stocks in excess of August 1st, 1,112.

Interior stocks last year, 742.

Foreign exports for week, 300.

Foreign exports same seven days last year, 276.

Foreign exports for season, 2,040.

Foreign exports same date last year, 4,853.

Northern Spinners' takings and Canada for week, 90.

Northern spinners' takings same seven days last year, 103.

Northern spinners' takings for season, 1,040.

Statement of World's Visibly Supply.

Total visible this week, 5,353.

Total visible last week, 5,180.

Total visible same date last year, 5,792.

Of this the total American this week, 4,245.

Last week, 4,086.

Last year, 4,336.

All other kinds this week, 1,108.

All other kinds last week, 1,073.

All other kinds last year, 1,456.

Visible in the United States this week, 2,621.

Visible in United States this date last year, 1,873.

Visible in other countries this week, 2,732.

Visible in other countries this date last year, 3,919.

WHEAT MARKET HAMPERED.

Little Chances of Peace and Troubled Exports Cause Break in Advance.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Heavy profit-taking and a little talk of peace and of difficulties hampering exports nearly wiped out today a substantial advance in the wheat market. Prices closed unsettled with gains of ¼ to ⅝c net. Corn finished ¼c off to ¼c up; oats unchanged to ¼c lower and provisions a shade to 20 cents down.

Grain and provisions:

Wheat—December 1.20½; May 1.23⅝; July 11.16⅝.

Corn—December 64¼; May 69¾; July 70⅝.

Oats—December 48½; May 52¼.

Pork—January 18.20; May 18.65.

Lard—January 10.10; May 10.27.

Ribs—January 9.95; May 10.27.

Cash Grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red 1.20¼ to 1.31¼; No. 2 hard, 1.20½ to 1.21½.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 65¼ to 65¾.

Oats—Standard 49¼ to 50½.

COTTON SEED CRUSHED.

Prior to First of December Over Two Million Tons is Census Report.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Cotton seed of the crop of 1914 crushed prior to December 1 amounted to 2,493,050 tons, compared with 2,192,276 for 1913, the census bureau announced today.

Linters produced to December 1st amouten dto 342,697 bales, compared with 288,468 for 1913.

Seed crushed and linters obtained to December 1st by states follow:

States	Seed crushed	Linters obtained
Alabama	212,987	28,508
Arkansas	134,781	18,140
Georgia	434,526	56,807
Louisiana	90,932	11,948
Mississippi	226,574	31,142
Missouri	13,947	1,800
N. Carolina	126,458	14,519
Oklahoma	161,310	26,944
S. Carolina	198,246	21,684
Tennessee	110,035	15,105
Texas	736,734	111,299
All other States	45,520	4,751

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Bradstreet Says Trade Currents Follow Irregular Lines

New York, Dec. 18—Bradstreets will say tomorrow:

"Trade currents run along irregular lines. On the one hand retail trade has been helped by two factors, holiday buying and cold weather, but in the larger lines the immediate situation is quiet, reflecting pre-inventory conditions, plus seasonal slowing down in industrial pursuits. At the same time optimism as to the future is more in evidence, thanks to lower rates for money, improvement in financial markets and the rendering of a decision in the Eastern railway freight rate case.

"Incidentally, buying of finished steel as well as of cotton goods for future delivery has expanded somewhat, quotations being sufficiently attractive to induce business.

"Bank clearings for the week aggregate $2,897,662,000, a decrease of 12.3 per cent. from this week last year. Business failures for the week were 466 against 378 in the corresponding week last year.

"Wheat exports from the United States and Canada were 9,707,133 bushels against 6,964,102 in the same week last year."

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Conflicting Interests at Work on Market During Session Yesterday.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Conflicting influences were at work in the cotton market today and more fluctuations in prices than usual resulted. War news was considered unfavorable and freight brokers said if the reports that fresh restrictions on English shipping were true it might work against the transportation of cotton. Against these as the bearish features were the exports for the week of 299,709 bales, the largest for any week of this season and also larger than for corresponding week last year and mill takings for the week of 400,000 bales.

Spot markets were generally steady with advances at a few important points, Dallas marking prices up one-sixteenth on sales of 18,168 bales. At the highest of the day the trading months were 1 to 6 points over yesterday's final figures. At the lowest they were 4 to 5 points under. The close was at a net loss of one point to a net gain of two points.

Spot steady. Sales on the spot 1,100 bales; to arrive 1,175. Futures closed: January 7.12; March 7.28; May 7.47; July 7.66; October 7.95.

CAROLINA COTTON MARKETS.

(Daily Quotations, by State Division of Marketing.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—Cotton—Middling—Raleigh, 6¾; Fayetteville, 6¾; Charlotte, 6¾; Norfolk, 7c.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 19, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 a. m., 32 degrees; at 8 p. m., 42 degrees; maximum, 45 degrees; minimum 30 degrees; mean, 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.20 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 8.2 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Cloudy and warmer Saturday; Sunday probably rain.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 19, 1914.

Sun rises ..... 7:13 A. M.
Sun sets ..... 5:06 P. M.
Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 49 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	11:27	11:34	6:15	6:53
Southport	9:24	9:50	3:08	3:59
Masonboro Inl.	9:13	9:39	2:48	3:39

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 18, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	pt cldy	58	34	.0
Asheville	clear	40	26	.0
Atlanta	clear	42	32	.0
Augusta	pt cldy	44	32	.0
Birm'ham	cldy	50	36	.02
Boston	clear	30	16	.0
Chas'ton	clear	50	32	.0
Charlotte	clear	38	26	.0
Chicago	pt cldy	34	14	.0
Galveston	rain	56	46	.54
Jaxville	cldy	54	44	.0
Memphis	cldy	40	32	.12
Mobile	cldy	56	38	.0
Montgomery	cldy	52	38	.0
N. Orleans	cldy	50	38	.0
New York	clear	30	18	.0
Ok'homa	rain	36	30	.0
Palestine	rain	44	34	.52
Pittsburg	cldy	36	8	.0
Raleigh	clear	42	24	.0
Savannah	cldy	52	32	.0
Shreveport	rain	46	32	.66
St. Louis	cldy	40	24	.0
Washington	clear	36	14	.0

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 18.—Turpentine nominal 44; sales none; receipts 216; shipments 610; stock 32,636.

Rosin firm; sales 249; receipts 1,960; shipments 1,607; stocks 138,721. Quote: A B C D E and F, 3.25; G, 3.27½; H, 3.30; I, 3.50; K, 3.90 to 4.00; M, 5.45; N, 5.50; WG, 5.70; WW, 5.85.

ATTENTION!

Trustees' sale of the entire G. H. Haar stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Fancy Articles, Christmas Goods, etc., will begin Monday, December, 28, at 9 o'clock, at the Little Store, 111 Chestnut street, at slaughter prices.—Advertisement.

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For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Office, Orton Hotel, Wilmington, N. C. 'Phone 178.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect October 12, 1914.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND

Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach
.....	.....	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.
.....	.....	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	06:55 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.
.....	.....	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....

WESTBOUND

Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a7:26 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
a8:56 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
9:26 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
b10:31A.M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	c1:45 P. M.
c2:36 P. M.	c2:26 P. M.	.....
cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
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10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS.

Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.

Leave Beach every half hour from 3:45 to 5:45 P. M.

a—Daily, except Sundays.
b—Sundays Only.
c—Superceded by half hour cars Sunday afternoons.
d—Goes through to Seagate; returning leaves Seagate at 3:00 P. M.
e—Leaves from Station No. 2.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE.

(Daily, except Sundays.)

Leave Ninth and Orange streets, 2:30 P. M.
Freight Depot open from 2:30 to 2:30 P. M.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 22, 1914. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 81. * 5:25 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 80. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. ¶ 5:30 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 65. ¶ 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 5:00 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 55. * 1:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 59. ¶ 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60. ¶10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

* Daily. ! Daily except Sunday. ¶ Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. P. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent. WILMINGTON, N. C.

Holiday Excursion Rates

Tickets on Sale December 16th to 25th, inclusive, and December 31st, 1914, and January 1st, 1915, with final limit January 6th, 1915.

Between all points on the Atlantic Coast Line and connecting lines.

THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE

"The Standard Railroad of the South"

—'PHONE 160-J—

W. J. CRAIG, P. T. M. T. C. WHITE, G. P. A.

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:-: **LOW ROUND TRIP** :-:

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES FROM WILMINGTON TO POINTS IN STATES NAMED

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia.

TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, and Jan. 1

Limited Returning Before Midnight, January 6th.

Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31.

Limited Returning Before Midnight, January 18th.

Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 20, 21 AND 22.

Limited Returning Before Midnight, January 18.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, or any information, call 'Phone 178, or apply to agent.

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JUST ARRIVED

Three hundred bunches Jamaica Bananas.
Four thousand Jamaica

SENT STOLEN MONEY THROUGH THE MAILS

Bandit After Robbing Banks Mailed Bills to Pal.

Officials Close on the Trail of Thousands Taken From Cincinnati Banks by Robber Later Killed by Police.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 18.—The $13,-100 obtained by Frank G. Hohl, the automobile bandit, who yesterday robbed two banks here and was killed after fatally wounding a policeman, is believed by police officers to have been shipped by parcel post to Louisville, Ky., by the robber.

A groceryman named John O. Kelley today identified the dead bandit as the man who had come to his store shortly after noon yesterday, obtained a box, placed several bundles in it and then securely wrapped it. It also was ascertained that Hohl later mailed a box of similar description to P. C. Wright, Louisville. The Louisville postmaster has been notified to watch for the package.

A postoffice money order addressed to P. C. Wright, Louisville also was found in the dead man's pocket.

The police decided today that one of the two revolvers carried by Hohl contained blank cartridges and was used merely to frighten those whom he encountered in the banks. Cashier Geo. Winters, who was powder burned by the discharge of Hohl's revolver, declared Hohl fired point blank at him when only a foot or so away. He was not wounded. No bullet holes were found in the walls of either banks where the bandit fired at employes.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF Y. M. C. A. OFFICERS

Mr. D. H. Penton Re-Elected President at Meeting of Directors

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. last evening officers were elected for the ensuing year. All of the old officers were re-elected with the exception of the vice president, Mr. D. H. Howes being elected to this position. The officers are as follows:

President—D. H. Penton.
Vice president—D. H. Howes.
Secretary—K. W. Price.
Treasurer—Virginius Hall.

The financial condition of the association was discussed and it was decided to reduce expenses in every way possible in order to meet the present depression in business.

Do you know that the White Market, at the Front Street Market House, is selling the best turkeys in Wilmington at 24 cents per pound until Christmas? Phones 230-231-232.—Advertisement.

KENTUCKY MAN SHOT TO DEATH IN RALEIGH

Elias Vanover Slain by Jackson Huntley Yesterday.

Both Were Bridge Builders on Norfolk Southern, Believed to Have Been in Drunken Quarrel—Babe Left Fatherless.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—Elias Vanover, was shot to death this afternoon on the Norfolk Southern Freight yards, by Jackson Huntley as the result, the police believe, of a drunken quarrel.

Both were bridge builders in the employ of the railroad company. Both came to North Carolina from Kentucky and the wife and infant child of the man killed is now at Parkers' Lake, Ky., visiting Vanover's father, John Vanover having left for Kentucky only a few days ago.

Huntley's first shot missed and the second penetrated Vanover's heart. Huntley had a bottle of whiskey and was very drunk when locked up in the city prison. He professes to know nothing about the killing. He was arrested about ten minutes after the killing at his shanty car. The police found his freshly used 44 calibre revolver under his cot where he had evidently hidden it.

He came from Pine Knot, Ky., about a year ago and he and Vanover had been working together for several months.

ENTIRE DAY TAKEN UP WITH BIG DAMAGE SUIT

Case in Superior Court Goes to Jury This Morning

The entire day was taken up in Superior Court yesterday with the case of John H. Foard, young son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Foard, against the Tidewater Power Company, an action for $10,000 for alleged personal injuries. After the plaintiff had concluded its evidence the defendants moved for a non-suit. This was not allowed, however.

Thos. W. Davis, Esq., appears for the Tidewater Power Company, and upon the completion of his address to the jury yesterday afternoon a recess was taken until 9 o'clock this morning. Hon. John D. Bellamy appears for the plaintiff.

This will be the last day of the present term of Superior Court and as there are a number of cases on the motion docket to be disposed of it is probable that court will not adjourn before late this afternoon. Judge Oliver H. Allen is making an earnest effort to clear the docket of all cases that are ready for trial. This is his last term of court on his present round and he has stayed constantly on the job and considerable progress has been made in clearing up the congested docket.

BASKETBALL SCORES CLOSE

Baxters Take the Lead in the Y. M. C. A. Commercial Basketball League.

Two fast and interesting basketball games were played last night at the Y. M. C. A. when Baxters won from Jacobi by the score of 17 to 15 and taking the lead in the standing, the National Woolen Mills taking the first game from Elvington & Mints to the tune of 17 to 13, thus pulling out of the cellar and dropping the loser a little lower in position.

The first game started with the ball being thrown up at center between Cole and Fillyaw at exactly 8:30 and from the first whistle to the last nothing but fast clean playing was pulled off. During the first half the losers had the advantage and ended that half by a six point lead but the second half Davis, captain of the millers, went in the game and turned the tide and the final score was turned in his credit. Davis in the game gave heart to his teammates and the ball was on the go all the time and some pretty and spectacular pass work was pulled off and beautiful goals thrown by Davis and Rennie and Fillyaw. Fillyaw at center was easily the shining light for the losers and the guarding of Solomon and Westbrook did very much to keep the score down and the aggressiveness of Housten in digging up the ball, in fact all of them were in the game all the time.

Nat. Wool. Mills.		Elv. & Mts.
LeGwin-Davis (c)	F	Houston
Justice	F	Applewhite
Cole	C	Fillyaw
Rennie	G	Solomon
Lewis	G	Westbrook (c)

Field goals: Fillyaw 4, Houston 1, Applewhite 1; one foul goal. Field goals: Rennie, Cole, Davis, each 2, LeGwin 1; Foul goal Justice 1. Referee, J. P. Seitters; umpire, R. S. McClellan; scorer, Hellen; timekeeper, Johnson.

The second game between Baxters and Jacobi was sure the best exhibition of basketball seen in many a day and was intensely interesting all the way through. The big balcony that surrounds the gym was crowded and bursts of applause broke out time and time again when their favorites got possession of the ball and especially when they succeeded in throwing a goal. It was the game of the evening as well as the game of the season and lots depended upon it as the winner went into first place and leads the league by one game and that was something to play for. The fastest pass work was pulled off in this game and the strength of the teams was well demonstrated. The first half was stubbornly fought and resulted in a two point lead for Baxters at the end. Those points were made by Farrar, McIntyre and Stein while Hines and Shepherd threw the counts for Jacobi.

The second half started out fast and both teams were determined to win. It surely was a race and they both kept even all the way to the end, Baxters staying in the lead by one point all the time. It looked for a time that Baxters would have an easy time for a few minutes only when they gained a six point lead but that was quickly mowed down when Shepherd threw two goals in succession and then Jacobi one and Shepherd came in strong again and alternated in throwing goals with McIntyre until the end of the game. The guarding of both Hanson and Stein was very good and helped very much in holding the score low and turning the game to Baxters while the accurate shooting of Shepherd for the losers kept the score very close all the time.

Baxters.		Jacobi.
McIntyre	F	Shepherd
Hussey	F	Farmer
Farrar	C	Hines (c)
Stein	G	K. Davis
Walker	G	McClelland

Hanson, G., (c).

Field goals: Baxters, McIntyre 3, Farrar 3. One foul goal, Stein and Walker; one field goal each. Jacobi-Shepherd 5, two foul goals, Hines one field goal. Officials same as other game.

SOUTHERN EXPRESS BUSY

Eight Wagons on Constant Duty Delivering and Collecting

One of the busiest men in the city just now is Mr. J. W. Smith, the popular agent for the Southern Express Company. While business has not been as rushing as in some previous years the shiping of merchandise is increasing daily and he has no complaint to make. In addition to the six wagons on regular duty all the time, two others have been added to take care of the Christmas business. Extra help has been employed and nothing has been left undone to take care of every shipment with quickness and dispatch.

While Mr. Smith and his efficient force are busy with the immense number of packages shipped via Southern Express, Postmaster Green and his force are also doing a rushing business. Wilmington people as well as those elsewhere are availing themselves of the opportunity to get their Christmas packages off early.

LUMBERTON MAN FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM.

Body of Geo. M. Jones Found Many Hours After Death.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 18.—Mr. Geo. M. Jones, about 50 years old, was found dead in his room over the Dixie Cafe here about 8:30 tonight. When discovered the body was lying on the floor with clothes on, shoes removed.

Physicians expressed the opinion that Mr. Jones had been dead 36 to 40 hours. He is survived by relatives in Fayetteville, Charlotte and Cheraw.

Mrs. Carlyle, wife of Mr. J. E. Carlyle, prominent and well known citizen of the Raft Swamp neighborhood, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning at the family residence, four miles west of here. She retired in her usual health Monday night, so far as the family knew. A four-year-old child slept with her, but knew nothing of her death until morning. She was about 50 years of age and is survived by a large family of children besides her husband. She was a sister of Mr. N. P. Andrews, of Lumberton.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 18.—Left alone at home with fire in the fireplace open for them to keep warm by, two little negro children, in their home just south of this city, got to playing with the fire, with the result that one was so badly burned before help reached it that death resulted in a short time thereafter.

ATTENTION!

Trustees' sale of the entire G. H. Haar stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Fancy Articles, Christmas Goods, etc., will begin Monday, December, 28, at 9 o'clock, at the Little Store, 111 Chestnut street, at slaughter prices.—Advertisement.

PURSE SNATCHED BY NEGRO

Miss Nannie Huggins Had Money Stolen While on Way Home

A tall negro wearing a brown suit snatched a purse from Miss Nannie Huggins, a stenographer in the Atlantic Coast Line offices, as she was on her way home from her work last night at 6:45 o'clock. She was walking along Dock street between Fifth and Sixth when she met the negro. It was rather dark in that vicinity and he grabbed the handbag which she was carrying and run away. She shouted for help and several came to her assistance but too late to see which way the negro had gone.

The purse contained between $20 and $25 and was money which Miss Huggins had gotten with which to do her Christmas shopping. She lives at No. 705 Dock street and it was near her home that the bold robbery occurred.

The police department was notified immediately and Policeman T. N. Hall made an investigation. Plainclothesman Frank George was put to work on the case last night and every effort will be made to find the robber.

Bargains While They Last.
Hopkin's Furniture Co.—Advertisement.

Business Locals

Advertisements inserted under this head, One Cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words more than 25, One Cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amount being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge a Western Union Messenger to any address in the city, for advertisements in this department, upon request by 'phone to No. 51. Messengers will also call for Telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for collecting the telegrams, or advertisements for the Star, but a small charge for strictly Messenger Service. Telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams and bills will be rendered to suit the sender, daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call "Western Union," but for advertisements always call the Star office. No. 51. Locals cannot be taken over the telephone — but upon request messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

LARGE LIGHT ROOM, SUITABLE FOR two gentlemen or couple; southern exposure, near postoffice. Use of phone and bath. Phone 1047-J. de 19-1t*

SPECIAL—ORANGES $1.00 AND $1.25 per hundred. Grape fruit cheap. Phone 418-J. W. J. Kirkham Pro. Co., 23 South Front street. de 19-1t*

PHONE 779-W FOR XMAS WREATHES of holly, galax or magnolia leaves, with sprays of immortelles or holly, 50 cents. Ferns and blooming plants. 416 So. Second street. de 19-1t*

EGGS, AND FRESH ONES, TOO, three dozen $1; Franco-American soups 25c cans, special now 15c; lasting starch, 3c per package; Hero coffee 20c pound. Remember, our name spells our business—"Cash Grocery." Phone 672. Cape Fear Cash Grocery, 109 So. Front street. de 19-1t

NEW SERIES B. & L. STOCK JANUary 2nd, 1915. Mechanics Home Association, Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. de 19-tu-we-thu-fri-sa-tf

TABLE BUTTER 30c LB; LARD 10C; Star hams 20c lb.; country sausage, 20c lb.; country eggs, three dozen $1; best table butter, three pounds $1; corn and tomatoes three cans 25c; Autocrat coffee 25c; fine yam sweet potatoes, 30c peck; Irish potatoes, 25c peck; figs 15c lb.; nut meats 15c lb.; seeded prunes, 12½c; granulated sugar 6c lb.; New's Extra Quality vinegar 10c; all kinds candies, fruits, nuts and fireworks. Phone 1938, L. T. New. de 19-1t

WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS TOday. We have the very best fresh meats, etc., on the market. Our meats are inspected by City Inspector, again by a man of experience. Get in touch with reliable butcher and stick to him. Satisfaction guaranteed. Palace Market, 108 South Front street. Phone 72. de 19-1t

LOOK AT THESE PRICES—SWIFT'S Premium hams 19c; fresh pork hams 20c; fresh pork corned hams 20c; 10c canned peas 6c. We keep everything good to eat. Nice turkeys, dressed chickens, country eggs. Phone us. Palace Market, 108 South Front street, Phone 72. de 19-tf

FOR SUNDAY—CHOCOLATE, SHERRY Orange and Vanilla Ice Cream. Pure sweet cream 50c qt. Fresh ground cocoanut 15c qt. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co. de 19-1t*

WANTED — TO SELL OR RENT, SIX mules in good working condition. J. W. Bryant, Murchison Bank Bldg. de18-tf

FOR SALE — ONE POINTER BITCH, three years old, thoroughly trained, J. E. Jones, Wallace, N. C. de18-7t*

CALL 'PHONE 2081-J FOR CORNED hams, any size, dressed or live chickens and turkeys, country eggs, country butter and choice groceries. Moore & Davis, Seventh and Red Cross. de18-3t

NOTICE—NAME OF CONSUMERS' Wood and Coal Company changed to Fountain & Lutes, new name appearing latest telephone directory. Phone 656. Orders for wood and coal respectfully solicited. de 13-7t

FOR SALE OR RENT — 60-ACRE farm with good buildings, 2 1-2 miles of Currie. F. B. Orr, Currie, N. C. de15-6t

LOOK AT THIS—FOUR CANS GARden peas 25c; two cans 15c; good parched and ground coffee, 25 cents. Very best line of fresh meats, fruits and vegetables in the city. See us. We have the goods. Palace Market, 108 So. Front street, Phone 72. de 16-tf

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TURKEYS AND CHICKENS — FRESH shipments daily. Florida oranges, extra nice quality, 20 and 25c. per dozen, $1.50 per hundred. Shelled nuts. Choice family groceries. N. Humphrey, 4th and Walnut; 'Phone 300. de17-tf

WANTED — SMALL CASH REGISTER, one drawer. Address, giving price, condition and where can be seen. Cash Register, Star Office. de15-3t

OYSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS — OUR oysters are very fine this season, and we want you to try them for Christmas. They are better flavored and you will like them better than Norfolk oysters. Send your orders to us and get them first-hand. Also fancy shell oysters for roasting. Geo. N. Ives & Son, Newbern, N. C. de17-10t*

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OPEN NEXT SATURDAY AT 6 P. M. from 9 to 10:30, the three bowling alleys will be occupied by ladies only, and up to twelve o'clock, if they wish. Wilmington Bowling Alley Co., 107 North Second street. de8-tf

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Irish Potatoes, peck	25c
Chalmer's Gelatine	7c
Large Grape Fruit	5c
3 cans Bull Head Tomatoes	25c
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Star and Premier Hams	20c
Sugar	5c

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MARKET STREET

FORMER AMBASSADOR HERRICK CALLS HIS PRESIDENTIAL BOOM "NONSENSE"

Wilson former Ambassador to France Myron T. Herrick, whose work in Paris during the war was such a conspicuous success, got off the steamer which brought him from Europe the other day he was met by 500 friends, most of whom had begun to boom him for the Republican nomination for President. But this is what he had to say about it:

"I did not come back to talk politics or nonsense about a presidential boom. I don't want to talk about myself or to be accused of trying to capitalize any credit which has been given me for work during the war in connection with my diplomatic post.

"In the first place, there has already been too much talk concerning this. I am going direct to Washington to report, and then will go to Ohio and get to work.

"I am very tired, and very 'broke.' I have just learned that the Ohio Society has engaged rooms for me at the Waldorf-Astoria, for which I will not have to pay. This is the best news I have heard in a long time."

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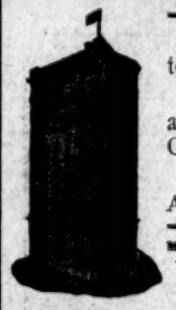

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